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LogistiCare Officials Address National Conference of State Legislatures on Merits of Transportation Brokerage Model

WASHINGTON – Following up on a March 31 guidance letter from Dennis Smith, director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations (CMSO), LogistiCare’s Senior Vice President of Public Affairs Ray Williams and Government Affairs Manager John Walraven Saturday addressed the Medicaid Task Force of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) about the benefits and efficiencies of the transportation brokerage model for Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT).

Williams and Walraven commended Smith for the March 31 letter to state Medicaid directors, in which Smith advised the directors that section 6083 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) “amends section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act) by adding a new section 1902(a)(70) that provides states the authority to establish, under the state plan, a non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) brokerage program.”

“This is significant because previously when a state elected to provide transportation as medical assistance, it had to obtain a waiver under section 1915(b) of the Social Security Act in order to provide NEMT services through a broker,” said Williams. “In the history of LogistiCare, we have always believed, and our track record shows, that the broker model offers states budget predictability, cost savings and quality service.”

“Many states have indicated that having to meet the burden of obtaining the medical assistance waiver kept them from making the switch to utilizing the cost-saving, service-enhancing broker model,” added Walraven. “Now, with this burden removed, we hope that Medicaid directors in states that don’t currently use a broker model for NEMT will give more serious consideration to adopting it.”

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NEMT services are provided to eligible Medicaid recipients who have no other means of transportation to or from medical appointments. The broker model encompasses the management of wheelchair vans, taxis, stretcher vans, transit bus passes and even coordination of commercial air, fixed-wing and air ambulance transports.

About LogistiCare

Headquartered in Atlanta, LogistiCare is the nation's leading transportation management solution. The company's government clients include state Medicaid agencies, school boards and transit authorities. Healthcare sector clients include hospital systems and many of the nation's largest managed care organizations.

With its market innovation, proprietary software and proven record of creating budget stability and program integrity, LogistiCare is well known as the leader in improving non-emergency transportation programs. The company manages a national network of more than 800 transportation companies that provide more than 11 million trips to customers annually. For more information, visit www.logisticare.com.

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