

# SAY "NO" TO PRIVATIZING MATP

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## What is the Medical Assistance Transportation Program or MATP?

Local Transit Authorities in Pennsylvania provide transportation for persons on Medical Assistance to doctor's appointments and other important meetings. This is funded through the federal government and managed through local Human Services organizations.

## Why and How is It Changing?

In a last minute amendment to the state budget in 2018, the State Legislature mandated that MATP be administered through a "Statewide or Regional Full-Risk Brokerage System". What that means is local management will be taken away and given to a large company somewhere (not in your County). All local services and contracts related to MATP will be negotiated and managed by the broker.

## Why Should Anyone Oppose This Effort?

There are several reasons related to local management of services, quality of services, and jobs listed below:

**Lack of Consistency of Services** - Constituents will experience a loss of continuity in who they work with to arrange for these critical and often life sustaining transportation services.

**Loss of Local Management and Coordination** - Outside companies will be making the decision on how services will be provided, taking away local control and coordination. In Pennsylvania, this service is administered by Counties and is a model program of efficiency in the United States and has the third-lowest MATP cost nationally despite providing more rides than its peers.

**It Will Not Save Money** - The Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association (or PPTA) is projecting that with the loss of local control and coordination that efficiency will decline and with the overall reduction in funding other programs will have increased costs and increased fees. Over time, this could amount to a \$30 million to \$60 million increase annually in costs.

**Overall Reduction of Services** - Due to dropped calls, poor service delivery, and lack of coordination, utilization of services will decline regionally.

Please contact the Governor's Office, your Local State Representative or Senator, and your local Commissioners and tell them to say "No" to the privatization of MATP.

### Please Call one of the Governor's Regional Offices

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