UPDATED MEDI-CAL NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has established revised Medi-Cal provider enrollment requirements and procedures for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) providers.

In accordance with *Welfare and Institutions Code* (W&I Code) section 14043.75(b), the DHCS Director has established the revised application requirements as set forth below. These requirements implement W&I Code sections 14043.15 and 14043.26 and as such have the full force and effect of law.

Currently, the application package for applicants or providers providing or intending to provide NEMT by litter van or wheelchair van must include a standard brake and light certificate issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs, as required by *California Code of Regulations* (CCR), title 22, section 51000.30(d)(18)(G).

DHCS will no longer accept the standard brake and light certificate issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs for NEMT applications received **on or after March 27**, **2025**, in accordance with Assembly Bill 471, which ended the standard brake and light certificate program effective September 27, 2024, with certificates remaining valid until six months after the end of the program or March 27, 2025.

Effective March 27, 2025, NEMT providers must submit a valid <u>Vehicle Safety Systems</u> <u>Inspection (VSSI) certificate</u>, issued by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) with their application for enrollment.

NEMT providers shall ensure that all NEMT drivers comply with all applicable state and federal licensing and certification requirements and all applicable state and federal statutes and/or regulations relating to the operation of a motor vehicle and/or transportation of passengers. Only enrolled providers who have been approved by DHCS to render NEMT services may bill for NEMT services.

