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CTS Comments on the Signing of H.R. 133

With bipartisan support in both houses, Congress passed and the President signed **The Consolidated Appropriations Act** that funds the federal government through September 30, 2021 and provides much needed support to individuals and businesses suffering from the economic and health impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

CTS is very pleased that language in the legislation mandates, for the first time, that state Medicaid programs include non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) as an essential benefit for our most at-risk populations to attend medically necessary services. Prior to this, the transportation benefit was provided through federal regulations making it subject to interpretation or challenge at the state level.

According to David White, CTS President and CEO: "Safe, reliable transportation services play a critical role in improving health outcomes. For Medicaid eligible individuals who lack transportation resources, NEMT benefits assure they can attend preventative as well as follow-up appointments, contributing to their own health while reducing the overall cost of care. We're proud to see that the importance of this benefit was recognized and supported by the House, the Senate, and the President. And, NEMT is now protected under the law, giving our most vulnerable populations the ability to access the care they need, across the country."

CTS would like to thank the Connecticut Congressional Delegation, Senator Richard Blumenthal, Senator Christopher Murphy, Representative John Larson, Representative Joe Courtney, Representative Rosa DeLauro, Representative James Himes, and Representative Jahana Hayes, for their support of this endeavor. CTS also thanks the following organizations and their dedicated staff for their combined advocacy and efforts that led to the passage of this important legislation.

- [ACAP, the Association for Community Affiliated Plans](#), is a national trade association which represents not-for-profit Safety Net Health Plans. Collectively, ACAP plans serve more than twenty million enrollees through Medicaid, Medicare, Marketplaces and other public health coverage programs. CTS actively supports ACAP efforts and has been their preferred transportation vendor since 2009.
- [The Community Transportation Association of America \(CTAA\)](#) and its members believe that mobility is a basic human right. Their staff, board and state/tribal delegates are dedicated to ensuring that all Americans, regardless of age, ability, geography, or income, have access to safe, affordable and

reliable transportation. CTS shares their mission and has been a member of CTAA for 23 years and Mr. White has served on their Board of Directors since 1996.

- [Medical Transportation Access Coalition](#), organized in 2017 MTAC serves to educate federal and state policymakers and other stakeholders about the benefits of medical transportation and the need for policies that support continued access to transportation services, particularly through the Medicaid program. CTS joined MTAC along with other industry leaders in its first year.

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About Coordinated Transportation Solutions, Inc.

As a nationally recognized leader in non-emergent transportation, Coordinated Transportation Solutions, Inc. (CTS), headquartered in Trumbull, Connecticut, is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to its mission of increasing the availability of cost-effective and efficient transportation services to vulnerable populations and communities. With more than twenty-three years of experience and a national reputation for exemplary customer service, CTS creates solutions and currently manages more than 2 million trips annually for government agencies, health plans, health care facilities, school districts, not-for-profit organizations and injured workers' programs throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States. CTS utilizes a customer-focused holistic approach, state-of-the-art technology, deep contractual and programmatic compliance experience and quality assurance practices to provide the highest level of customer care. Learn more about CTS at <https://www.ctstransit.com/> or follow us on LinkedIn