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ISSUANCE OF CARFARE

<p>Date: May 18, 2009</p>	<p>Subtopic(s): Carfare</p>
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p>	<p>Revision to the Original Policy Bulletin:</p> <p>This policy bulletin is being revised to inform Job Center staff of the transit fare increases effective June 28, 2009.</p> <p>The single fare rate will increase to \$2.25 per one-way subway/bus trip. The weekly and monthly MetroCards will increase as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$27 for the weekly unlimited card • \$89 for the monthly unlimited card <p>New York City Work, Accountability and You (NYCWAY) will adjust the rates for issuing carfare for a job search.</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center staff that when issuing carfare to applicants/participants, the prevailing rate (\$2.25, as of June 28, 2009) must be used. In addition, when the cost of transportation increases/decreases, staff must adjust the amount of carfare accordingly.</p> <p>Carfare can be issued for instances such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants complying with agency referrals to ancillary programs (e.g., Wellness, Comprehensive Assessment, Rehabilitation and Employment [WeCARE], and the Bureau of Eligibility Verification [BEV]) to meet eligibility requirements.

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- Homeless applicants/participants searching for permanent housing (not to exceed three round trips per week [as of June 28, 2009 \$13.50/week]).
- Homeless applicants/participants sending and/or accompanying children to school, only when the applicant/participant has been placed in temporary housing accommodations outside of the five boroughs of New York City (e.g., in Long Island) and the child is attending school in one of the five boroughs and wishes to remain in the school district.

Avoid duplication of carfare allowances

Before issuing apartment search carfare to homeless participants, the Worker must check the Benefits Issuance History in the Welfare Management System (WMS) to ensure that the weekly job search and apartment search carfare allowances are not duplicated and together do not exceed the cost of a weekly unlimited MetroCard (\$27 effective June 28, 2009)

To determine if the participant is in receipt of job search carfare, check the Benefits Issuance Screen (**NQCS54**) in WMS for Special Grant Code **53** (Job Search Expenses). If the participant is in receipt of job search carfare, then his/her apartment search carfare must be reduced to the difference between the cost of a weekly unlimited MetroCard and the amount issued for job search expenses.

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Example 1

A homeless participant is currently receiving job search carfare in the amount of \$54 biweekly. The cost for a weekly unlimited Metrocard is \$27. In this instance the participant would not be entitled to additional carfare for an apartment search.

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Example 2

A homeless participant is currently receiving job search carfare in the amount of \$27 biweekly. The new cost for a weekly unlimited MetroCard is \$27. In this instance, the participant would be entitled to an additional \$27 biweekly (\$13.50 per week) for apartment search carfare (\$54 [biweekly MetroCard fee] – \$27 [current biweekly carfare grant] = \$27 additional biweekly grant required).

To issue the carfare for apartment search grant, the Worker must create and authorize a new WMS budget and enter Special Needs Code **25** (Carfare [Homeless PA Recipients]) in the **SPEC NDS: TY** field and the semimonthly amount in the **SPEC NDS: AMT** field.

Effective June 28, 2009