ST. MARY'S COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Work Day:

If the next day's weather forecast (as broadcast on radio stations WMDM, WPTX, WKIK, STAR 93.5, or television channels, etc.) calls for an accumulation of two or more inches of snow, or for any combination of sleet or freezing rain, facilities should be prepared for a delay of up to two or more hours.

Patients will be called and advised that there is a possibility we may not be able to transport them the next day.

There may be times when schools are closed or delayed due to secondary road conditions. That does not necessarily mean that we will not be transporting. An appointment will be evaluated and if the client is on a main or primary artery which has been treated or plowed and their appointment is on a main or primary artery which has been treated or plowed and both can be safely traveled, then we will transport.

The Supervisor and Services Specialist will determine on a case-by-case basis the urgency of the transportation taking into account road conditions in the patient's area.

If a patient is scheduled for a trip out of town, the weather/road conditions of the area to be traveled will be taken into account and a decision made on a case-by-case basis.

Weekend/Overnight:

This agency follows the St. Mary's County Government's policy for closings and these are announced on all local radio stations. In addition, information can be obtained from 301-475-4200 x1344.

When the St. Mary's County Government offices are closed, the Health Department is closed.

When the St. Mary's County Government offices open late, the Health Department opens late.*

(*For example: If the Health Department is opening two hours late, drivers will report to work two hours after their scheduled start time.)