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October5, 2018
Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Salem County Administration Building Fifth Street Office Complex
110 Fifth Street, Salem, NJ 08079
Re: Gerard Geiger

Freeholders of Salem County,

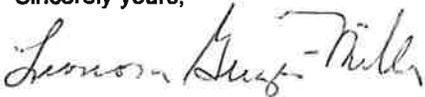
I would like to share with you our experiences with the transportation services offered to us by the Salem County Office on Aging. We resided in Pittsgrove Township for almost twenty seven years. My Special Needs Brother, Gerry joined us approximately fifteen years ago after my father's passing from complications related to Alzheimers. Gerry needed to have some consistency in his life and I could not pull him from his workplace at Saint John of God Community Services. My brother has been a part of this sheltered workshop for over forty years. He is respected, well liked and a productive individual partially because of this program. The big problem was getting him transported back and forth to this program. Salem County Specialized Transportation was very important to us. Unfortunately, at one point due to funding cutbacks we were on a modified ride schedule and it was a difficult time for us. We soon realized how valuable this transportation was to Gerry both for his own sense of independence and to keep this work ethic component active in his life. My brother is truly the best he can be and it's with the help of these community supports that help make him the man he is!

I want to comment on the drivers and staff at the Office on Aging and what they have meant to us. My brother was always treated with respect and kindness. He loved his bus rides and as my brother's caregiver it was beneficial to know he was with drivers that understood and cared about his well being. The office staff always was pleasant and helpful. They actually knew how I worried about Gerry's safety and if he was going to be late someone would call to let me know all was well. This group of people hold a special place in our hearts and have truly made a difference in the quality of my brother's life!

We recently downsized and moved back into Gloucester County. I am hoping to get Gerry back on Gloucester County Transportation Services.

I just had to let you know what this service has meant to us!

Sincerely yours,


Leonora Geiger-Miller


Gerry Geiger



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October 3, 2018

Mr. Curt Harker
Salem County Clerk of the Board
Fifth Street Office Complex, 110 Fifth Street, Suite 400
Salem, NJ 08079

Dear Mr. Harker:

The Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health has approved the county per diem rates developed by the Department of Human Services to reflect the cost of care for patients at State facilities and programs for the mentally ill for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. These rates were developed in accordance with the Rate Setting Methodology for Establishing State Hospital and Institutional Rates effective for the service period beginning January 1, 1991 and revisions to the methodology effective January 1, 2013.

The Department of Health Commissioner has approved single blended rates for the Department's adult general psychiatric hospitals. Individual rates were developed for the following facilities: Ann Klein Forensic Center and Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care.

The County Per Diem rates that will go into effect January 1, 2019 are as follows:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>County Rate (Per Diem)</u>
STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS:	
Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital	Blended Rate Per Diem Average \$519.92
Trenton Psychiatric Hospital	
Ancora Psychiatric Hospital	
	Individual Rates
Ann Klein Forensic Center	\$489.43
Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care	\$476.22

Mr. Curt Harker
October 1, 2018

The Commissioner of the Department of Health has also approved the Calendar Year 2019 Private Patient Rates. These rates will be used to bill for services rendered to private paying patients in State psychiatric hospitals.

The approved Private Patient Rates include single blended average rates developed for the Department's adult general psychiatric hospitals. Individual rates were approved for Ann Klein Forensic Center.

The Private Patient rates that will go into effect January 1, 2019 are as follows:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Patient Rate (Per Diem)</u>
<u>STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS:</u>	
Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital	Blended Rate
Trenton Psychiatric Hospital	Per Diem Average
Ancora Psychiatric Hospital	\$1,056.00
	Individual Rate
Ann Klein Forensic Center	\$979.00

If you have any questions regarding the approved rates, please contact me at 609-292-6915 or via email at eric.anderson@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,



Eric Anderson, Director
Management and Administration

c: Kenneth Miller, Esq.