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**DECLINE IN RIDERSHIP CAUSES COUNTY
TO END TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

WELD COUNTY, CO – After careful consideration by the Weld County Board of Commissioners, Weld County Transportation will end operations effective February 18, 2012. Declining ridership – to a near zero level – led to the decision by the Board.

On January 1, 2012, the State of Colorado contracted with First Transit to provide transportation services for residents on Medicaid in nine counties, including Weld. Prior to First Transit, Weld County Transportation traditionally provided transportation service to those same clients.

First Transit's ability to secure less costly transportation services, and a shift in ridership from Weld County Transportation to First Transit were both factors in the county's decision to end the program.

If you are in need of First Transit's services, please visit <http://www.medicaidco.com/> or call Colorado Medicaid NEMT at 1-855-264-6368.

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