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## Important Notice for Medallion Owners and Medallion Taxicab Drivers

## MEDALLION TAXICAB DRIVER HEALTHCARE SERVICES FEE

On July 12, 2012, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) approved a 17% fare increase for taxi drivers and, alongside this fare increase, authorized the collection from taxi drivers of a \$0.06 per trip fee to fund a taxi driver healthcare services entity.

The purpose of this entity is to assist taxi drivers in choosing the best health care coverage available on the health care exchange being created by the Affordable Care Act, and to provide taxi drivers with disability coverage over and above that which is required to be provided to them by medallion owners.

The TLC hereby directs that **BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013**, medallion taxicab drivers (including owner-drivers) will be required to pay this \$0.06 per trip fee, and medallion owners or their agents will be required to withhold this amount and remit it to the TLC, as instructed. TPEP providers will provide drivers and medallion owners with an accounting for the amounts to be withheld in each shift.

**Note to Taxi Drivers:** Passengers may <u>not</u> be charged extra for this fee, and you may not collect more than the metered fare plus tip from any passenger.

Note to Medallion Owners or Agents: You will receive a quarterly invoice or report from your TPEP provider – similar to the existing process for collection and payment of the \$0.50 MTA tax. In accordance with the instructions included with that report, you will be required to make payment to TLC for all healthcare fee amounts attributable to the medallions managed by you during the relevant quarter. The first such payment (for the quarter ending December 31, 2013) will be due to the TLC by January 20, 2014.

The payments received by the TLC will be maintained in an independent account, and will be used exclusively for the provision of healthcare and disability services for eligible medallion taxicab drivers.

If you have any questions concerning the collection or payment of this fee, please contact <u>driverhealthcareproject@tlc.nyc.gov</u>.