Making Sense of the Medical Transportation Universe
Is North Dakota Responsible for Medical Transportation?
North Dakota’s
“Great Designer”
The American Experience

SOCIAL SECURITY
MEDICARE
MEDICAID
MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
The Great Depression
The Two
The Great Depression

- Unemployment as high as 40 percent
- Farm Income and Farm Ownership
- The Stock Market Crash
- The Collapse of Wall Street Investment Firms
- The Dust Bowl
- The Collapse of International Trade
- The Collapse of the Nations Banking System
Another Voice from the Dakotas
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The Continuity of Ideas
THE ADVOCATE for the FAIR DEAL
The "Persuader"
The Great Society
Finishing the New Deal

- The Food Stamp Program
- Equal Opportunity Act
- Older Americans Act
- Urban Mass Transit Act
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- School Breakfast Program
Mirror Mirror on the Wall, Who is the Greatest Reformer of them All?
The Greatest Reformer of them All!
The New Federalism

- Welfare Reform
- The Guaranteed National Income
- Medicare Reform
- SSI
- Revenue Sharing
Post New Federalism

The year’s since the Nixon attempt’s to dramatically alter the pattern of entitlements and government programs have been all about expansion and worrying about paying for increasing demand.
The Titans and Everyone Else

- MEDICARE
- MEDICAID
- AFDC/and all the rest
Medical Transportation

The Role of Mobility in the delivery of Medical Services like Medicaid and Medicare

Reflections from a smaller planet
The Bang Theory
Theory becomes reality

Demographic Changes Really Do matter
Deinstitutionalization of people and programs
The continual implosion of traditional health insurance
The Diagnostic Reimbursement approach to rural health care providers, hospitals, and other primary care services
Medical Transportation
As We Knew It

- Our friends at the funeral home
- The Spanish Flu Pandemic
- On our own
- Trolleys, Buses, and Trains
- The Taxi
New Delivery Systems and Alternatives

- Paratransit
- Human Service transportation especially in senior organizations and in community action agencies
- Accessibility in traditional public transit
- The Rise of Rural Public Transportation
The Rise of Medicaid

- Again deinstitutionalization
- Lack of Alternative Converge for Low income Seniors
- The Lack of Coverage for Low income Children
- Affordability
- A national crisis in infant mortality
Like so Many Things It’s Really All About Texas
Texas vs. Vowell

e = mc^2
What was decided?

If you’re a Medicaid recipient-----you are eligible to health care

If you can’t access healthcare because you have a mobility barrier----your health care is denied.

The State Agency responsible for your health care is responsible to get you there-----if you do not have a way.
Texas was forced to provide Assurance that all Medicaid participants must have access and provide for it if they didn’t.

Other court cases expanded this ruling to other federal judicial jurisdictions.

DHHS and CMS made this a requirement for state plans whether a state was covered by a decision or not.

A long and hard process of benefit implementation.
The Bush Years
The Iron Triangle

Deficit Reduction Act

Regulations that Penalize Public Transit

The Benchmark Plan Strategy
Blocking in the Triangle
Predicting The Future
One Alternative View
The Future Looks Like the Past

- Increased Demand for Transportation to outpatient health services
- Greater distances to health providers because of cost recovery pricing set by volume
- A greater role in publically financed health care
- The Continuing Aging of our society
Dealing with the Future

- Develop an Association position on Medical Transportation and its delivery.

- Develop an effective state strategy for dealing with state management procedures for Medicaid.

- Create an ongoing process of building educational support for good transportation options for people within the state, “It’s the quality—not just the cost!”

- Build on going communication systems between state transportation association and the state medical delivery association.

- Remember that the riders or users have voices as well as needs.
FEAR? NOT!

Frightening  Fearing  Frightened
Fearful  Fear  Fearsome
Fear not!  Fearless!
Do not be afraid!
BE UNAFAID!
No fear!