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**MAP-00-003**  
**FMD-00-003**

**SUBJECT:** Use of Discounted Airline Tickets

**TO:** All MAP Participants and FMD Cooperators

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**BACKGROUND:** Many MAP participants and Cooperators have asked if airline tickets purchased from bulk ticket sellers or ticket consolidators are reimbursable. Because the price paid for such a ticket often differs from the price printed on the passenger receipt, CCC has reimbursed only up to the price shown on the passenger receipt (not to exceed the full-fare economy rate.) Unfortunately, this has discouraged MAP participants and Cooperators from using discounted tickets, which are often less expensive than tickets purchased from more traditional sellers.

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**ACTION:** In an effort to reduce program costs, CCC will now reimburse the costs of discounted airline tickets, up to the full-fare economy rate, with proper proof of payment and documentation of the full fare economy rate for each flight. Proper proof of payment, for the purposes of this notice, includes a credit card bill showing the charge for the ticket or a signed receipt, showing the actual amount paid, from the travel agent that issued the ticket.

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