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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

February 7, 2019

Mari Cantwell
Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs
California Department of Health Care Services
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Dear Ms. Cantwell:

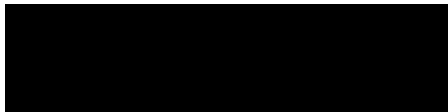
Enclosed is an approved copy of California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-004, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on July 11, 2018. SPA 18-004 implements a one-year Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) program and reimbursement add-on for Ground Emergency Medical Transports (GEMT) provided by emergency medical transportation providers effective for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-19 from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The effective date of this SPA is July 1, 2018. Enclosed are the following approved SPA pages that should be incorporated into your approved state plan:

- Supplement 29 to Attachment 4.19-B, pages 1-2

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Young at 415-744-3598 or via email at Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Richard Allen
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

cc: Lindy Harrington, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
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Angel Rodriguez, DHCS
Angeli Lee, DHCS
Amanda Font, DHCS

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

1 8 — 0 0 4

2. STATE
California

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)
Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
July 1, 2018

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (*Check One*)

- NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (*Separate transmittal for each amendment*)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

Title 42 CFR 447 Subpart F & 42 CFR 433.68

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT

a. FFY ²⁰¹⁸ \$4,461,892
b. FFY ²⁰¹⁹ \$13,385,675

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

~~Supplement 28, page 1, Attachment 4.19-B~~
Supplement 29 to Attachment 4.19-B, pages 1-2

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (*If Applicable*)

None

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

One-year reimbursement rate add-on for ground emergency medical transport services

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED The Governor's Office does not wish to
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL review the State Plan Amendment.

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

16. RETURN TO

Department of Health Care Services
Attn: Director's Office
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13. TYPED NAME

Mari Cantwell

14. TITLE

State Medicaid Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED

July 11, 2018

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17. DATE RECEIVED

July 11, 2018

18. DATE APPROVED

February 7, 2017

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

July 1, 2018

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL

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21. TYPED NAME

Richard Allen

22. TITLE Acting Associate Regional Administrator,
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

23. REMARKS

Box 6: CMS made a pen and ink change on 9/26/18 to add "42 CFR 433.68," the regulatory citation for permissible health-care related taxes. Box 8: CMS made a pen and ink change on 9/21/18 to add page 2, a new page with page 1, and to correct supplement number to 29. Box 12: DHCS added signature on 1/31/19.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE: CALIFORNIA

**ONE-YEAR REIMBURSEMENT RATE ADD-ON FOR GROUND EMERGENCY
MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES**

Introduction

This program provides increased reimbursement to ground emergency medical transport providers by application of an add-on to the Medi-Cal fee-for-service (FFS) fee schedule base rates for eligible emergency medical transportation services. The reimbursement rate add-on will apply to eligible Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes, between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. The base rates for emergency medical transportation services will remain unchanged through this amendment.

“Emergency medical transport” means the act of transporting an individual from any point of origin to the nearest medical facility capable of meeting the emergency medical needs of the patient by an ambulance licensed, operated, and equipped in accordance with applicable state or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations, excluding transportation by an air ambulance provider, that are billed with CPT Codes A0429, A0427, and A0433.

Methodology

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-19, the reimbursement rate add-on is fixed for FY 2018-19. The resulting payment amounts are equal to the sum of the FFS fee schedule base rate for the SFY 2015-16 and the add-on amount for the CPT Code. The resulting total payment amount for CPT Codes A0429, A0427, and A0433 will be \$339.00. The add-on is paid on a per-claim basis.

Service Code	Description	Current Payment	Add On Amount	Resulting Total Payment
A0429	Basic Life Support	\$118.20	\$220.80	\$339.00
A0427	Advanced Life Support, Level 1	\$118.20	\$220.80	\$339.00
A0433	Advanced Life Support, Level 2	\$118.20	\$220.80	\$339.00

TN 18-004
Supersedes
TN: None

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE: CALIFORNIA

The resulting total payment amount of \$339.00 is considered the Rogers rate, which is the minimum rate that managed care organizations can pay noncontract managed care emergency medical transport providers, for each state fiscal year the FFS reimbursement rate add-on is effective.

TN 18-004
Supersedes
TN: None

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