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July 1, 2004

SUBJECT: Fee Increase for Ambulance Services

BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. Feinberg".

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify ambulance companies enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of an increase to the Fee-for-Service fee schedule for ambulance fees for transportation services.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE OWED ADDITIONAL MONEY AS A RESULT OF THESE RETROACTIVE FEE INCREASES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY PROCESS CLAIM ADJUSTMENTS TO REIMBURSE YOU. PLEASE DO NOT FILE CLAIM ADJUSTMENTS FOR THESE SERVICES.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all ambulance companies enrolled in the MA Program who provide services for Fee-for-Service recipients in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

BACKGROUND:

Ambulance companies provide a direct link to medically necessary health care for Pennsylvania's MA recipients. The costs associated with the provision of ambulance services have increased substantially over the years. In recent years, the price of gasoline alone has taxed this industry immensely, compounded by increased costs for state-of-the-art life-saving equipment and certified, trained staff.

PROCEDURE:

In order for MA recipients to continue to have access to this vital service, the Department will increase the MA fee for the following procedure codes on the MA Program Fee Schedule, retroactively to July 1, 2004:

Fee Increase for Ambulance Services

Procedure Code	Description of Service	Current Fee	Increased Fee Effective July 1, 2004
W0011	Mileage	\$1.00 a mile after the first twenty miles (round trip)	\$2.00 a mile after the first twenty miles (round trip)
W0012	VASC Certified, Non-Emergency Transportation Service	\$60.00	\$120.00
W0013	VASC Certified, Non-Emergency Transportation Service, Other Unusual Circumstances	\$60.00	\$120.00
W0015	VASC Certified, Emergency (Pre-Hospital) Transportation Service	\$60.00	\$120.00
W0016	Advanced Life Support (ALS) Service with Transport (Pre-Hospital)	\$100.00	\$200.00
W0017	Advanced Life Support (ALS) Service Without Transport (pre-Hospital)	\$40.00	\$80.00
W0018	Specialized Services (Critical Care, with Transport, Interfacility Cases Such As Neonatal, Prenatal or Cardiac Care Service)	\$100.00	\$200.00

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The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

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