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Non-Emergency Ambulance Transportation – Appropriate Use of Place of Service (POS) and Modifier for Nursing Facility Recipients

The Department of Human Services (the department) recently became aware that ambulance providers are submitting claims to Medical Assistance (MA) for payment for non-emergency ambulance transportation services for MA recipients residing in nursing facilities.

Under the MA program, it is the responsibility of the participating nursing facility to provide non-emergency transportation services for MA recipients residing in nursing facilities. If an outside vendor or ambulance company is used to supply non-emergency transportation to a nursing facility resident, the nursing facility is responsible for the payment to the outside vendor or the ambulance company. In accordance with 55 Pa Code § 1187.51 (relating to scope,) non-emergency transportation is an allowable MA cost and should be reported on the nursing facility's MA annual cost report (MA-11.)

Outside vendors and ambulance companies **are not** to submit claims that reflect POS 12 (patient's home) or the "R" modifier directly to MA for non-emergency transport services provided to MA recipients residing in nursing facilities. Outside vendors and ambulance companies **must** submit claims to the MA participating facility for payment for non-emergency transport services provided to MA recipients residing in nursing facilities.

Please refer to MA Bulletin (MAB) 26-10-01, "Payment for Non-Emergency Transportation Services" issued and effective November 24, 2010 for additional information. The MAB can be accessed at the following link:

http://www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/bulletin_admin/d_006376.pdf

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