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THIS LETTER SENT VIA EMAIL

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WITHDRAWAL OF STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 18-0007: EXPAND ALLOWABLE COSTS UNDER THE GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (GEMT) SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.

Dear Mr. Scott:

In response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) request, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is withdrawing State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0007, which was submitted on September 28, 2018.

SPA 18-0007 proposed to update the definition of Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) allowable costs to include costs associated with the pre-stabilization services provided by personnel that arrive first on scene on a fire truck, referred to as Shared Direct Costs in SPA 18-0007. However, CMS clarified that pre-stabilization services performed by fire engine personnel are not allowable under the GEMT Supplemental Reimbursement Program because medical services provided by a qualified, enrolled Medicaid provider arriving at the scene of an emergency would need to be classified as "Other Licensed Practitioners" in the California Medicaid State Plan, which fire engine personnel are not.

DHCS would like to thank CMS for the technical assistance provided during their review of this SPA. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Katie Brooks, Division Chief of the Safety Net Financing Division, at (916) 345-7937 or by email at Katie.Brooks@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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