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State Plan Amendment (SPA): CA-24-0002

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
230 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60604



Financial Management Group

January 13, 2025

Tyler Sadwith
State Medicaid Director
California Department of Health Care Services
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

RE: TN 24-0002

Dear Director Sadwith:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed California state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B CA-24-0002, which was submitted to CMS on March 21, 2024. This plan amendment authorizes supplemental add-on payments to the fee schedule rates for eligible ground emergency transports provided between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2), of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2024. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Blake Holt at 303-844-6218 or via email at blake.holt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Todd McMillion.

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 4 — 0 0 0 2

2. STATE

CA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

Title 42 CFR 447, Subpart F

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2024 \$ 7,734,942
b. FFY 2025 \$ 2,998,713

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Supplement 29 to Attachment 4.19-B pages 3-4

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Supplement 29 to Attachment 4.19-B pages 3-4

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

One-year Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transport Intergovernmental Transfer Program for dates of service from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

Please note: The Governor's Office does not wish to review the State Plan Amendment.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME
Michelle Baass

13. TITLE
Interim State Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED
March 21, 2024

15. RETURN TO

Department of Health Care Services
Attn: Director's Office
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Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED
March 21, 2024

17. DATE APPROVED
January 13, 2025

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
January 1, 2024

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS

DHCS anticipates major policy shifts effective January 2024 to 99% Managed Care reducing the federal budget impact of the GEMT QAF program.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE: CALIFORNIA

**ONE-YEAR PUBLIC PROVIDER GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT
INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Introduction

The Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transport Intergovernmental Transfer (PP-GEMT IGT) program provides increased reimbursement to eligible public providers of ground emergency medical transport (GEMT) services by application of an add-on to the Medi-Cal fee-for-service (FFS) fee schedule rates for eligible GEMT services. The add-on will apply to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes described below, effective for services provided during the rate period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The base fee schedule rates for GEMT services will remain unchanged through this amendment.

Definitions

“Emergency medical transport” or “GEMT” 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 HCPCS Codes A0429 Basic Life Support Emergency; A0427 Advanced Life Support, Level 1, Emergency; A0433 Advanced Life Support, Level 2; A0434 Specialty Care Transport; and A0225 Neonatal Emergency Transport. An “emergency medical transport” does not occur when, following evaluation of a patient, a transport is not provided.

“Eligible provider” means a provider who is eligible for reimbursement of Medi-Cal emergency medical transports, and who continually meets all of the following requirements during the entirety of the rate period: (a) provides emergency Medi-Cal transports to beneficiaries, (b) is enrolled as a Medi-Cal provider for the period being claimed, and (c) is defined as a public provider, as described below.

“Public provider” means a provider that is owned or operated by the state, a city, county, city and county, fire protection district organized pursuant to Part 2.7 (commencing with Section 13800) of Division 12 of the Health and Safety Code, special district organized pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 58000) of Division 1 of Title 6 of the Government Code, community services district organized pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 61000) of Division 3 of Title 6 of the Government Code, health care district organized pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 32000) of Division 23 of the Health and Safety Code, or a federally recognized Indian tribe.

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE: CALIFORNIA

Effective January 1, 2023, public providers of GEMT services are not eligible to participate in the GEMT QAF program and will not receive the reimbursement rate add-on described on pages 1-2 of this Supplement.

Methodology

For services provided during the rate period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, the reimbursement rate add-on is a fixed amount. The resulting payment amounts are equal to the sum of the FFS fee schedule base rate and the add-on amount for each eligible ground emergency medical transport as listed by HCPCS Code in the table below. The reimbursement rate add-on will be paid for each eligible ground emergency medical transport on a per-claim basis.

HCPCS Code	Description	Current Fee Schedule Rate*	Add On Amount	Resulting Payment Amount
A0429	Basic Life Support, Emergency	\$118.20	1,049.98	\$1,168.18
A0427	Advanced Life Support, Level 1, Emergency	\$118.20	\$1,049.98	\$1,168.18
A0433	Advanced Life Support, Level 2	\$118.20	\$1,049.98	\$1,168.18
A0434	Specialty Care Transport	\$118.20	\$1,049.98	\$1,168.18
A0225	Neonatal Emergency Transport	\$179.92	\$1,049.98	\$1,229.90

*These are the base rates associated with these codes, but are subject to further adjustments pursuant to the State Plan.

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