

NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Fee Increases for Certain Ambulance Transportation Services

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The Department of Human Services (Department) announces that it will increase fees in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program for certain ambulance transportation services in both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems for dates of service on and after January 1, 2019.

Discussion

Act 2018-42 (P.L. 281, No. 42) (Act 42), enacted on June 22, 2018, authorizes increased MA fees for ambulance transportation services in both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems. Specifically, Act 42 authorizes the following fees: not less than \$180 per loaded trip for basic life support ambulance transportation services; not less than \$300 per loaded trip for advanced life support ambulance transportation services; and not less than \$3,325.53 per loaded trip for air ambulance transportation services. Act 42 also authorizes a fee of not less than \$2 per loaded mile for each loaded mile beyond 20 loaded miles for ground mileage and a fee of not less than \$22.45 per loaded mile for each loaded mile beyond 20 loaded miles for air mileage.

As a result, the Department is revising the fees on the MA Fee Schedule for the following procedure codes effective with dates of service on and after January 1, 2019:

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Definition	Pricing Modifier	Current MA Fee	New MA Fee
A0426	Ambulance service, advanced life support, nonemergency transport, level 1 (ALS1)		\$200	\$300
A0427	Ambulance service, advanced life support, emergency transport, level 1 (ALS1—emergency)		\$200	\$300
A0428	Ambulance service, basic life support, nonemergency transport (BLS)		\$120	\$180
A0429			\$120	\$180

	Ambulance service, basic life support, emergency transport (BLS, emergency)			
A0430	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (fixed wing)	U8	\$200	\$3,325.53
A0431	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (rotary wing)		\$200	\$3,325.53
A0433	Advanced life support, level 2 (ALS 2)		\$200	\$300
A0434	Specialty care transport (SCT)		\$200	\$300
A0435	Fixed wing air mileage, per statute mile		\$2 per mile beyond the first 20 loaded miles of a trip	\$22.45 per mile for each loaded mile beyond 20 loaded miles of a trip
A0436	Rotary wing air mileage, per statute mile		\$2 per mile beyond the first 20 loaded miles of a trip	\$22.45 per mile for each loaded mile beyond 20 loaded miles of a trip

Fiscal Impact

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 fiscal impact is \$3.672 million (\$1.351 million in State general funds and \$2.321 million in Federal funds).

The FY 2019-2020 fiscal impact is an annualized amount of \$5.753 million (\$1.940 million in State general funds and \$3.813 million in Federal funds).

Public Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the revised ambulance transportation fees to the Department of Human Services, Office of Medical Assistance Programs, c/o Deputy Secretary's Office, Attention: Regulations Coordinator, Room 515, Health and Welfare Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Comments received within 30 days will be reviewed and considered for any subsequent revision to ambulance transportation fees.

Persons with a disability who require an auxiliary aid or service may submit comments using the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at (800) 654-5984 (TDD users) or (800) 654-5988 (voice users).

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Fiscal Note: 14-NOT-1296. (1) General Fund; (2) Implementing Year 2018-19 is \$1,351,000; (3) 1st Succeeding Year 2019-20 through 5th Succeeding Year 2023-24 are \$1,940,000; (4) 2017-18 Program—\$477,690,000; 2016-17 Program—\$450,970,000; 2015-16

Program—\$392,918,000; (7) MA—Fee-for-Service; (8) recommends adoption. Funds have been included in the budget to cover this increase.

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