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November 7, 2017

Marie Zimmerman, State Medicaid Director
Minnesota Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 64983
St. Paul, MN 55164-0983

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment:

Transmittal #17-0020 --Technical corrections to community emergency medical technician services.

--Effective Date: July 1, 2017

--Approval Date: November 3, 2017

If you have any additional questions, please have a member of your staff contact Sandra Porter at (312) 353-8310 or via e-mail at Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov.


Sincerely,

/s/

Ruth A. Hughes
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

cc: Ann Berg, MDHS
 Sean Barrett, MDHS

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTER FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 17-20	2. STATE Minnesota
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTER FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2017	
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR § 440.50		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (in thousands): a. FFY '18 \$0 b. FFY '19 \$0	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 3.1-A, page 19e Attachment 3.1-B, page 18e		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Same	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Services Provided by a Community Emergency Medical-Technician			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Sean Barrett Minnesota Department of Human Services Federal Relations Unit PO Box 64983 St. Paul, MN 55164-0983	
13. TYPED NAME: Ann Berg			
14. TITLE: Deputy Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: September 26, 2017			
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17. DATE RECEIVED: September 26, 2017		18. DATE APPROVED: November 3, 2017	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: July 1, 2017		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /s/	
21. TYPED NAME: Ruth A. Hughes		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator	
23. REMARKS:			

Approved: 11/3/17

Supersedes: 16-09 (12-16, 09-24, 08-16, 07-08, 06-02, 03-35, 01-21)

5.a. Physicians' services (continued):

Community Paramedic Services:

Services provided by medical directors of ambulance services include supervision of a community paramedic who provides services to recipients who have received hospital emergency department services three or more times in a period of four consecutive months in the past 12 months, or an individual who has been identified by the individual's primary health care provider for whom community paramedic services would likely prevent admission to or would allow discharge from a nursing facility or would likely prevent readmission to a hospital or nursing facility. Services provided by a community paramedic are based on a care plan created by the primary care provider (a physician, physician's assistant, or a nurse practitioner) in consultation with the medical director of the ambulance service and may include health assessments, chronic disease monitoring and education, medication compliance, immunizations and vaccinations, laboratory specimen collection, hospital discharge follow-up care, and minor medical procedures. Services provided by the community paramedic under the care plan must be coordinated with care received by the recipient from other community providers in order to prevent duplication of services.

A community paramedic must be certified in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.28.

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