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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Financial Management Group

November 15, 2021

Mr. Stephen M. Smith
Director, Division of TennCare
310 Great Circle Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

RE: TN 21-0005

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have reviewed the proposed Tennessee State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0005, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 20, 2021. This plan amendment updates the TennCare reimbursement rates for ground ambulance services

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of September 1, 2021. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan page.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Moe Wolf at 410-786-9291 or Moshe.Wolf@CMS.HHS.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review

Enclosures

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE TENNESSEE

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT
RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE

23. Any other medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under State law, specified by the Secretary.

23.a. Transportation

1. Ambulance Services

- (a) Emergency land ambulance - payment shall be 67.5% of the federal Medicare program's allowable charge for participating providers.
- (b) Non-Emergency land ambulance payment shall be 67.5% of the federal Medicare program's allowable charge for participating providers.
- (c) Emergency air ambulance - payment shall be the lesser of:
 - (1) Billed charges for the services,
 - (2) 100% of the 75th percentile of the Medicare prevailing charges for the services, or
 - (3) A maximum of \$100 for the base rate, \$3.00 per loaded mile and \$15 for oxygen.