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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 22-0004

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May 31, 2022

Autumn Knudtson,
Bureau Director, Bureau of Benefits Policy
Interim State Plan Amendment Coordinator
Department of Health Services
1 W. Wilson St.
P.O. Box 309
Madison, WI 53701-0309

RE: Wisconsin State Plan Amendment TN: #22-0004

Dear Autumn Knudtson,

We have reviewed the proposed Wisconsin State Plan Amendment, TN: #22-0004 which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 31, 2022. This State Plan Amendment provides Modification of Reimbursement to Local Governments for Ambulance Services. This amendment supersedes TN: #22-0003.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of February 17, 2022. 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 Matthew Klein at 214-767-4625 or matthew.klein@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

Todd McMillion
Director
Division of Reimbursement Review Director

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER WI 22-0004	2. STATE Wisconsin		
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)			
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE 02/17/2022			
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One) <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 (Separate transmittal for each amendment)					
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR 447.201		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT e. FFY 2022 \$ 2,770,000 f. FFY 2023 \$ 4,188,000			
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-B, Page 16a-4		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Same SPA 22-0003			
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT Modification of Reimbursement to Local Governments for Ambulance Services (starting February 17, 2022)					
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One) <input 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 Autumn Knudtson Bureau Director, Bureau of Benefits Policy Interim State Plan Amendment Coordinator Department of Health Services 1 W. Wilson St. P.O. Box 309 Madison, WI 53701-0309			
13. TYPED NAME Lisa Olson					
14. TITLE State Medicaid Director					
15. DATE SUBMITTED 03/31/2022					
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY					
17. DATE RECEIVED 03/31/2022		18. DATE APPROVED 5/31/2022			
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED					
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL 02/17/2022		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL			
21. TYPED NAME Todd McMillion		22. TITLE Director, Division of Reimbursement Review			

25a. Reimbursement to Local Governments for Emergency Ambulance Services

To establish base rates for ambulance services where comparable Medicare procedure codes exists, Wisconsin Medicaid rates shall be adjusted on a one-time basis for ground ambulance transport services (advanced life support levels one and two, advanced life support level one emergency, basic life support, basic life support emergency, and specialty care transport to 92.8% of the applicable Wisconsin specific Part B CY2021 Medicare urban base rate approved by CMS with an effective date of February 17, 2022. These rates are available at

<https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Subsystem/Publications/MaxFeeDynamicSearch.aspx>

All other ambulance services where comparable Medicare procedure codes exists, Wisconsin Medicaid rates shall be adjusted on a one-time-basis to 92.8 % of the applicable Wisconsin specific Part B CY2021 Medicare base rate approved by CMS with an effective date of February 17, 2021. These rates are available at

<https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Subsystem/Publications/MaxFeeDynamicSearch.aspx>

Ambulance services for which no comparable Medicare procedure code exists, the Department shall use a compounded inflation factor accounting for inflation that has occurred between January 1, 2004 – January 1, 2021 (Inflation factors used will be those published in the Federal Register through January 1, 2021 and available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/MedicareProgramRatesStats/MarketBasketData>)

Reimbursement for ambulance services will be made through initial and supplemental payments. Current base rates for the impacted ambulance procedure codes are listed in the ForwardHealth handbook. The Department shall distribute supplemental payments to specific local governmental units for the provision of transportation for medical care during the state fiscal year. The annual available pool for the distribution to local government ambulance providers is \$5,000,000. Payments are distributed evenly based on a calculation of utilization across the specific governmental units using the difference between the Medicaid base rates described above compared to the annual Medicare base rate. This supplemental payment will occur between October 1 and December 31 of each year for services provided during the previous state fiscal year.