

Bulletin Number: MSA 12-71

Distribution: Ambulance Providers, Hospitals

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Subject: Certification of Medical Necessity for Nonemergency Ambulance Transports

Effective: March 1, 2013

Programs Affected: Medicaid

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2013, documentation of medical necessity for a nonemergency ambulance transport may be signed by the attending physician, or a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, clinical nurse specialist or a discharge planner who is knowledgeable about the patient's condition and employed by the attending physician or facility to which the patient was admitted. Additionally, policy which requires ambulance providers to verify their attempts at obtaining a certification of medical necessity from a beneficiary's attending physician within 21 days following a nonemergency ambulance transport is rescinded.

This policy applies to Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) claims only. Per Medicaid policy, Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs) are allowed to develop their own review criteria and requirements which may differ from Medicaid FFS requirements.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved



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