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Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5160-15-23 Transportation: services from an eligible provider: ground ambulance services.

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(A) Payment may be made for the following ground ambulance services:

(1) Basic life support, provided in a non-emergency (BLS non-emergency);

(2) Basic life support, provided in an emergency (BLS emergency);

(3) Advanced life support, level 1, provided in a non-emergency (ALS1 non-emergency);

(4) Advanced life support, level 1, provided in an emergency (ALS1 emergency);

(5) Advanced life support, level 2 (ALS2);

(6) Specialty care transport (SCT);

(7) Mileage, ground ambulance; and

(8) Attendant services, ground ambulance.

(B) Payment may be made only if all the requirements in this paragraph are met.

(1) The necessity of ground ambulance service is established.

(a) Emergency ground ambulance services are deemed to be necessary. BLS emergency, ALS1 emergency, and associated loaded mileage are emergency services by definition. ALS2, specialty care transport, and associated loaded mileage are treated as emergency services.

(b) The non-emergency transfer by ground ambulance of a medicaid-eligible individual from one hospital to a second hospital is deemed to be necessary if two conditions apply:

(i) At least one of the criteria listed in paragraph (B)(1)(c) of this rule is met; and

(ii) The services provided at the second hospital are coverable by medicaid.

(c) Any other non-emergency ground ambulance service is determined to be necessary if the individual needs at least one of the following services during transport:

(i) Medical treatment or continuous supervision by an EMT;

(ii) The administration or regulation of oxygen by another person; or

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(iii) Supervised protective restraint.

(2) The transport vehicle is a ground ambulance.

(3) The medicaid-eligible individual is transported either to or from a medicaid-coverable service.

(4) The medicaid-eligible individual is transported both to and from a recognized or approved point of transport.

(5) The services of an additional attendant are used only when such services are necessary for the safe transport of a medicaid-eligible individual, and the transportation provider maintains documentation of such necessity.

(C) A hospital that is an eligible provider may submit a claim for ground ambulance services on behalf of another entity if two conditions apply:

(1) The other entity is an eligible provider of ground ambulance services; and

(2) The hospital and the other entity have entered into an appropriate agreement or contract.