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CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES
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Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41-22-5 (b) and 41-22-6 (c) (2) a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency rule is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on the 1st day of April, 2020.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Medicaid Agency

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 560-X-18-.04ER Scope of Ambulance Transportation Service Operations

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE: April 1, 2020

EXPIRATION DATE (If less than 120 days):

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: The above-referenced rule is being amended to suspend restrictions of Emergency Ambulance Service destinations with participating providers.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: State Plan, Attachment 3.1-A, Page 9.24 and Attachment 3.1-D, Pages 1 and 2; 42 CFR Section 431.53; and Title XIX, Social Security Act.

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON PERMANENT BASIS __YES _X_ NO

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(2) No payment may be made for ambulance service if some other means of transportation could be utilized without endangering the recipient's health.

(3) Emergency ambulance services are provided to eligible recipients between:

(a) Scene (address) of emergency and local hospital.

(b) Nursing home and local hospital.

(c) Local hospital and specialized hospital

(Example: From Montgomery to University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham).

(d) Exception: Ambulance service to a physician's office is not considered an emergency.

(e) Exception: During the time prescribed by the governor as a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, but only in strict accordance with the April 1, 2020 provider Alert with subject line "Waiver for Ambulance Providers during COVID-19 Emergency" and any successor Alert or amendment thereto, emergency ambulance service destinations with participating providers will not be restricted in order to perform the services listed in this Chapter.

(4) Payment may be made if the eligible recipient expires en route to or from a health care facility. Payment may not be made if the recipient was pronounced dead by a legally authorized individual prior to transport.

(5) More than one eligible recipient may be transferred in the same ambulance at the same time. A separate claim form must be filed for each recipient.

(6) Nonemergency ambulance service is provided to eligible recipients who must be bed-confined or have a debilitating physical condition(s) that require travel by stretcher only and require transportation to receive medical services.

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