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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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Provider Type(s): 40

Medicaid Payment Flexibility When Transporting Individuals Requiring Isolation Precautions Related to COVID-19

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is committed to ensuring continuity of care for all recipients during to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) state of emergency, as well taking action in response to requests for financial and administrative relief for providers that are on the front line serving those directly affected by COVID-19. The purpose of this alert is to provide additional flexibilities for ambulance transportation providers that will assist with their response efforts during this state of emergency.

The Agency acknowledges that transporting individuals suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19 requires ambulance providers to utilize paramedic personnel and follow strict isolation protocols and sanitation procedures. The level of support and intervention that is required when transporting patients suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19 is comparable to the protocols followed for trips requiring the use of advanced life support (ALS). During the state of emergency, ambulance providers may seek reimbursement at the ALS rate when providing ground transportation for individuals requiring the use of isolation procedures related to a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19. This flexibility applies in both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems.

Billing Information:

In the fee-for-service delivery system, providers must use the following procedure codes:

Procedure Code	Description	Rate
A0426	Ambulance Service, Advanced Life Support	\$190.00
A0427		\$190.00

Ambulance Service, Advanced Life Support
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Providers will need to work with the Medicaid health plans for more guidance on coding and reimbursement information.

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