



Public Notice – 9/29/20 – Maryland State Plan for Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program (ESPP)

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) announces its intent to submit an amendment to the Maryland State Medical Assistance State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.¹ The amendment is proposed to be effective October 1, 2020.

The purpose of this amendment is to create a public Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program (ESPP) for eligible public Emergency Service Transportation providers. The payment will be based on Certification of Public Expenditures (CPE) and matching federal Medicaid funds. No state general funds will be used; therefore, this program is budget neutral to MDH except for administrative costs associated with program administration.

The proposed amendment will increase funding to eligible Emergency Service Transporters by providing a federal match for qualifying state-based expenditures incurred through the provision of qualifying services as documented in a CPE. In State Fiscal Year (SFY21) an estimated \$60,000,000 in state expenditures will be matched by \$60,000,000 in federal Medicaid funds. These Federal matching funds will be dispersed to eligible providers based on the CPEs submitted. As more providers become part of the program in SFY22, approximately \$80,000,000 in federal matching Medicaid funds will be disbursed in alignment with the estimated \$80,000,000 in qualifying state expenditures.

To be eligible to participate in ESPP, providers must meet all of the following:

1. Be enrolled as a Medicaid provider for the period being claimed on their annual cost report;
2. Provide ground emergency transport services to Medicaid recipients; and
3. Be a "Jurisdictional Emergency Medical Services Operational Program," defined in COMAR 30.03.02 as: "an institution, agency, corporation, or other entity that has been approved by the EMS Board to provide oversight for each of the local government and State and federal emergency medical services programs."

Copy of Proposed Amendment. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the proposed amendment and/or additional information about the amendment by contacting (Liz Kasameyer at the following email: Elizabeth.kasameyer@maryland.gov or by phone (410)767-5817).

Written Comments. Written comments about the proposed amendment and/or requests to review comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail, special delivery mail, hand delivery, fax or email to Liz Kasameyer: Elizabeth.kasameyer@maryland.gov or:

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¹ <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Lists/Medicaid%20Manual%20Info/AllItems.aspx>