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State Plan Amendment

SPA 18-0018 Ambulance Services Fee - Effective 09/01/2018

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October 10, 2018

Our Reference: SPA TX 18-0018

Ms. Stephanie Muth
State Medicaid Director
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Mail Code: H100
Post Office Box 13247
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Muth:

We have reviewed the State’s proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 18-0018 dated September 11, 2018. This state plan amendment proposes to update the Ambulance Services fee schedule.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of September 1, 2018. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt of my staff. Mr. Blunt may be reached at (214) 767-6381 or by email at Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

CC: Dana Williamson, Manager, Policy Development Support
# Transmittal and Notice of Approval of State Plan Material

**For: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

**To:** Regional Administrator  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Department of Health and Human Services

## 1. Transmittal Number:
18-0018

## 2. State:
Texas

## 3. Program Identification:
Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid)

## 4. Proposed Effective Date:
September 1, 2018

## 5. Type of Plan Material (Circle One):

- [ ] New State Plan
- [ ] Amendment to be considered as New Plan
- [x] Amendment

## 6. Federal Statute/Regulation Citation:
- Social Security Act §1905(a)(29);  
- 42 CFR §440.170(a) and 42 CFR §431.53

## 7. Federal Budget Impact:

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## 8. Page Number of the Plan Section or Attachment:
See attachment to blocks 8 & 9

## 9. Page Number of the Superseded Plan Section or Attachment (If Applicable):
See attachment to blocks 8 & 9

## 10. Subject of Amendment:
The proposed amendment updates the Ambulance Services Fee Schedule.

## 11. Governor’s Review (Check One):

- [ ] Governor’s Office reported no comment
- [ ] Comments of Governor’s Office enclosed
- [ ] No reply received within 45 days of submittal
- [ ] Other, as specified: Sent to Governor’s Office this date. Comments, if any, will be forwarded upon receipt.

## 12. Signature of State Agency Official:
[Redacted]

## 13. Typed Name:
Stephanie Muth

## 14. Title:
State Medicaid Director

## 15. Date Submitted:
September 11, 2018

## 16. Return To:
Stephanie Muth  
State Medicaid Director  
Post Office Box 13247, MC: H-100  
Austin, Texas 78711

## 17. Date Received:
September 11, 2018

## 18. Date Approved:
October 10, 2018

## 19. Effective Date of Approved Material:
September 1, 2018

## 20. Signature of Regional Official:
[Redacted]

## 21. Typed Name:
Bill Brooks

## 22. Title:
Associate Regional Commissioner  
Division of Medicaid and Children’s Health
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(a) Ground and air ambulance services are reimbursed based on the lesser of the provider’s billed charges or fees established by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Fees established by HHSC are based on a review of the Medicare fee schedule and/or an analysis of other data available to HHSC such as relevant fee schedules.

(b) All fee schedules are available through the agency’s website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

(c) The agency’s fee schedule was revised with new fees for providers of ambulance services effective September 1, 2018, and this fee schedule was posted on the agency’s website on September 5, 2018.