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TO: Hospital Providers
Managed Care Organizations
Susan J. Tucker
FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

RE: Clarification of Coverage of Ancillary Services for Emergency Room Visits

NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal

The purpose of this transmittal is to clarify the Department's policy regarding coverage of ancillary services for emergency room visits.

HealthChoice regulations COMAR 10.09.65.20B(2) require MCOs to reimburse "a hospital emergency facility and provider for medical screening services rendered to meet the requirements of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act." MCOs cannot place undue administrative burden on the facility or provider to receive reimbursement for medically necessary diagnostic services needed to determine the presence or absence of an emergency condition.

MCOs may require medical records to make a determination of the medical necessity of the ancillary services. MCOs must allow the hospital emergency facility to submit the medical records with the original claim. MCOs cannot deny all of the billed ancillaries associated with the medical screening service on the original claim and then subsequently require the provider to file an appeal in order to be reimbursed for the ancillary services.

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