



## **Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals**

### **Health Plan Advisory 15-9**

### **March 17, 2015**

#### **Change to Fee Schedule for Rotary Wing Ambulance Services**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a State Plan Amendment (SPA) related to emergency rotary wing transportation. The legacy Medicaid online fee schedule for emergency air ambulance rotary wing transportation has been updated to reflect the SPA approval of increased reimbursement rates effective for dates of service on or after Sep. 1, 2014. This increases reimbursement rates for rotary wing emergency air ambulance services originating in areas designated as rural or super rural by the United States. Department of Health and Human Services (see [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Ambulance Policy](#)). Please update your fee schedules and make accommodations to reprocess or adjust impacted claims for the dates of service on or after Sep. 1, 2014.

Legacy Medicaid Ambulance providers have been instructed to submit claims with modifier 'TN' to indicate that the service was performed in a rural area. Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) may establish claims processing methods that pay according to origination zip codes. However, DHH expects that trips originating in rural areas be identifiable in submitted encounter data.

The Louisiana Medicaid Ambulance Fee Schedule can be found [here](#).