

PUBLIC NOTICE

June 30, 2022

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0023 Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program. The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, will submit this proposed SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective July 1, 2022, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #22-0023.

1. SPA 22-0023 is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to establish a Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program for emergency ambulance transportation providers.
2. The expected increase in annual aggregate expenditures associated with the supplemental payment program is \$ 6,677,104.
3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA to be in compliance with Miss. Code § 43-13-117, as amended by MS House Bill 657, effective July 1, 2022. Additional authority: Miss. Code § 43-13-121.
4. A copy of the proposed SPA will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from www.medicaid.ms.gov, or requested at 601-359-2081 or by emailing at DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov.
5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at www.medicaid.ms.gov.
6. A public hearing on this SPA will not be held.

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