



**Topic of the Month
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**Provider Alert
MedStar Family Choice-District of Columbia HealthCare Alliance**

Emergency Medicaid

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As per Transmittal No. 12-21 from the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) referencing “Emergency Medicaid Hospital Services Policy for Alliance Beneficiaries”, Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) no longer reimburse hospital providers for Medicaid reimbursable emergency medical services for DC HealthCare Alliance members. Hospitals providing Emergency Medicaid services to DC HealthCare Alliance beneficiaries should be submitting their claims for these services directly to the DHCF for reimbursement. By definition, labor and delivery is considered an emergency medical condition and is a Medicaid reimbursable emergency medical service. Therefore hospital labor and delivery claims should be sent to the DHCF. Eligible claims can be submitted electronically, through the DC Medicaid web portal, or on the paper UB-04 Claim Form. Please contact Provider services at the DHCF regarding claims submission at 202-906-8319 (inside DC Metro) or 866-752-9233 (outside DC metro area).

The transmittal notes that a claim for a Medicaid reimbursable emergency medical condition is allowable if all of the following criteria are met:

- Services were provided to an eligible and enrolled Alliance beneficiary;
- Services were provided to treat a medical condition that meets the requirements set forth in Section 4 of the hospital billing manual;
- Services are not related to an organ transplant procedure;
- The principal diagnosis code is an emergent diagnosis with a positive emergency room diagnosis indicator value and is either a hospital outpatient claim with revenue codes 0450-0459 or a hospital inpatient claim with an emergency room admission based on the presence of revenue code 0450-0459

If eligibility for the Alliance Program or DC Medicaid Program cannot be confirmed but meets eligibility criteria for Emergency Medicaid, hospitals should complete the 780 Emergency Medicaid request for m and submit it along with required documentation to the Department of Humans Services (DHS).

Eligibility for Medicaid beneficiaries can be verified through the DC Medicaid web portal at www.dc-medicaid.com) or by calling 202-906-8319.

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