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TO: DC Medicaid Hospital Providers and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations

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DATE: April 10, 2018

SUBJECT: **Provider Billing Changes for Alliance Beneficiaries Emergency Medical Services**

The purpose of this transmittal is to update the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) Policy on Hospital Claims for Medicaid Reimbursable Emergency Medical Services for DC Health Care Alliance Beneficiaries.

On October 1, 2012, DHCF implemented a new reimbursement policy for Medicaid-reimbursable emergency medical services for D.C. Health Care Alliance beneficiaries, see [DHCF Transmittals 13-16, 12-27 and 12-21](#). Effective April 1, 2018, Medicaid reimbursable emergency medical services including physician services shall be reimbursed by DHCF.

Health care providers shall no longer bill Managed Care Organizations (MCO) for emergency medical services provided by physicians. Instead, all claims both facility and physician, shall be sent to DHCF for reimbursement. MCOs, however, remain responsible for ensuring that Alliance beneficiaries receive needed after-care service, care coordination, and any non-emergency care even if it is provided in an emergency setting. Accordingly, the hospital and Alliance beneficiaries' MCO are still expected to communicate with each other to facilitate and coordinate discharge planning and the delivery of appropriate post-acute care.

Questions regarding the Alliance Program and billing for Alliance services should be directed to the Division of Managed Care, Elisa Fauntleroy, at (202) 442-8998 or elisa.fauntleroy@dc.gov.

Questions regarding claims submission should be directed to Provider Services at (202) 906-8319 (inside DC Metro) or (866) 752-9233 (outside DC metro area).

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