

**To: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania (PA) Community HealthChoices (CHC)**

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**RE: Ground ambulance billing reminders**

As outlined in the Claims Filing Instructions, AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC follows Pennsylvania Medical Assistance guidelines for ambulance mileage reimbursement for all ambulance providers.

**Important Reminders:**

When billing for Procedure Codes A0425 – A0429 and A0433 – A0434 for Ambulance Transportation services, the provider must also enter a valid 2-digit modifier at the end of the associated 5-digit Procedure Code. Claims billed without a valid modifier will be denied.

- Providers must bill the transport codes with the appropriate destination modifier.
- Mileage must be billed with the ambulance transport code and with the appropriate transport codes. **Only miles exceeding the first 20 loaded miles should be billed.**
- Providers who bill mileage alone will be denied for invalid/inappropriate billing.
- Mileage when billed will only be paid when billed in conjunction with a PAID transport code.
- A second trip is reimbursed if the recipient is transferred from first hospital to another hospital on same day in order to receive appropriate treatment. Second trip must be billed with a (HH) destination modifier.
- For 837 claims, all ambulance details are required such as: Ambulance Transport information, Ambulance Certification, and pick-up and drop-off locations.

The complete and detailed billing instructions, including procedure code modifiers, can be found in the Claims Filing Instructions on the provider website at:

[www.amerhealthcaritaschc.com](http://www.amerhealthcaritaschc.com) → Providers → Claims and Billing → Claims filing guide for medical providers.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your Account Executive or Provider Services at 1-800-521-6007.