STATE Mississippi

METHODS OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION

24a. Transportation - The State Agency will assure necessary transportation of recipients to and from providers of services through the following methods:

Ambulance Services:

Emergency Ground Ambulance – Medically necessary emergency ambulance service is defined as all of the following components:

- Emergency ambulance (ALS or BLS) transport to the closest hospital where the patient will be accepted and treatment is available for an accidental injury or medical emergency, and
- The use of other means of transportation is medically contraindicated because it would endanger or be detrimental to the patient's health, and
- The injury or medical emergency is sudden, of such severity that the absence of immediate medical care could reasonably result in permanently placing the patient's health in jeopardy, and/or serious impairment of bodily functions, and/or serious and permanent dysfunction of any body organ or part, or other serious medical consequence.

Emergency Air Ambulance (Helicopter) - Medically necessary emergency air ambulance service is defined as all of the following components:

- Emergency ambulance (ALS or BLS) transport to the closest hospital where the patient will be accepted and treatment is available for an accidental injury or medical emergency, and
- The use of other means of transportation is medically contraindicated because it would endanger or be detrimental to the patient's health, and
- The injury or medical emergency is sudden, of such severity that the absence of immediate medical care could reasonably result in permanently placing the patient's health in jeopardy, and/or serious impairment of bodily functions, and/or serious and permanent dysfunction of any body organ or part, or other serious medical consequences.

Urgent Air Ambulance (Fixed Wing) – Medically necessary urgent air ambulance service is defined as:

- Urgent ambulance transport to the appropriate facility that will accept the patient and is capable of providing the required level and type of care for the patient's condition, and
- The use of other means of transportation is medically contraindicated because it would endanger or be detrimental to the patient's health, and
- The patient's condition is of such severity that the absence of transfer to an appropriate facility for treatment could reasonably result in permanently placing the patient's health in jeopardy, and/or serious impairment of bodily functions, and/or serious and permanent dysfunction of any body organ or part, or other serious medical consequence

Non-Emergency Ground Ambulance - Medically necessary non-emergency ambulance service is defined as all of the following components:

- Ambulance transport to or from the closest appropriate facility for the beneficiary to receive non-emergency medical care that cannot be provided in their place of residence or medical facility where the patient is an inpatient, and
- The use of other means of transportation is medically contraindicated because it would endanger or be detrimental to the patient's health, and
- The patient suffers from an injury or debilitated physical condition that results in the patient being totally bedridden or bed confined.

Non-emergency Transportation - Necessary non-emergency transportation (NET) for eligible Medicaid recipients is arranged and coordinated through the Division of Medicaid. Services are furnished through contracts between the Division of Medicaid and qualified providers. NET providers can be public or private entities or individual providers, volunteers. NET services are available to beneficiaries who have no other means of accessing Medicaid funded medical services.