

**State of Mississippi**

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE

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

Ambulance Services – The reimbursement methodology for ambulance services is a statewide fee schedule. Payment is made from a statewide uniform fee schedule based on 70 percent of the rate established under Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security act), as amended.

Transportation for EPSDT beneficiaries, if medically necessary, which exceed the limitations and scope for Medicaid beneficiaries, as covered in the Plan, are reimbursed according to the methodology in the above paragraph.

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## Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption

### State of Mississippi Office of the Governor Division of Medicaid

#### Economic Impact Statement For Ambulance Providers

The Executive Director of Medicaid is required by law to recommend expenditure containments when expenditures are expected to exceed funds available for any fiscal year. Medicaid is facing a \$90,000,000 shortfall in state revenues for FY2009; therefore, certain cost containment measures have been identified as necessary to balance Medicaid's budget. These measures include reducing certain non-institutional providers an additional .74% reduction in reimbursement in addition to the 5% reduction as outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-117 (1972 as amended).

It is estimated that it will cost the Division of Medicaid approximately \$5,000 to enforce the increased reduction in payments to providers. This includes system changes and staff time.

An estimate of the total economic impact for ambulance providers, including small business providers, is noted in the chart below. The total economic impact for providers in State FY 2009 is equal to the sum of federal and state savings noted in the chart below. The Division of Medicaid estimated the impact utilizing the actual and estimated expenditures for the same services for FY2008.

<b>FFY2008 Federal Savings</b>	<b>FFY2008 State Share Savings</b>	<b>FFY2009 Federal Savings</b>	<b>FFY2009 State Share Savings</b>
\$ 5,414	\$ 1,683	\$ 48,438	\$ 15,431

The Division of Medicaid is facing a \$90,000,000 shortfall in state revenues for FY2009. If this cost containment measure is not enacted, there will not be sufficient revenues to reimburse providers for the entire year.

State law limits cost containment measures that may be taken and precludes the Governor from changing eligibility or benefits; therefore, the best option to minimize overall Medicaid reimbursement levels and achieve these state savings is to restructure payments in this manner. An oral proceeding on this proposed rule is scheduled as described on the cover sheet (Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption) provided herewith. Persons may also submit written comments as described on the cover sheet (Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption) provided herewith.

A full copy of the Economic Impact Statement may be obtained from the Division of Medicaid's web site at [www.dom.state.ms.us](http://www.dom.state.ms.us).