A Message to
Business Office Managers

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All AmeriHealth Participating Network Ambulance Providers in New Jersey

FROM: Kathleen Mariano
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DATE: April 19, 2001

SUBJECT: **Approved Conditions for Ambulance Transport**

In order to clarify AmeriHealths' emergency ambulance transport guidelines, attached please find a listing of the conditions that meet the automatic approval criteria for emergency transports. As you are aware, HCFA guidelines require that the diagnosis code reported on your claim accurately represent the patient condition at the time of transportation.

Please note that ambulance services provided in an emergency do not require precertification.

Claims for emergency transportation which initially do not fit AmeriHealth emergency ambulance criteria will require additional information for further review. Only submit the additional information when requested. The Statement of Remittance will be mailed to you with the following request:

- **Keystone Health Plan East**

  Code W326- "The emergency ambulance trip sheet is required to continue processing of this claim.

- **AmeriHealth HMO/AmeriHealth 65**

  Code P77- "Send Emergency Ambulance Notes."

When requested, please submit the trip sheet with the Emergency Ambulance Claim Form to the address listed below. Please do not resubmit the claim form- doing so will result in unnecessary claim denials.

Claims Medical Review
1901 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Attention: Lorraine O'Neal

If you should have any questions concerning this bulletin, please feel free to contact Kimberly Lees-Pratt, Ancillary Coordinator, at (856) 778-6652.

APPROVED CONDITIONS

Meningococeal Infections	Septicemia
Enterovirus CNS Disease	Encephalitis
Viral Hepatitis with Coma	Coagulation Defects
Psychotic Conditions	Intoxication Episodes
Adjustment Reactions	Hemorrhagic Conditions
Inflammatory Diseases of the CNS	Epilepsy
Migraine Variants	Intracranial Damage
Choroidal Detachment	Acute Visual Loss
Traumatic Orbit Deformities	Rheumatic Heart Disease
Hypertensive Heart Disease	Hypertensive Renal Disease-complicated
Malignant HTN	Acute Coronary Syndrome Disease
Pericarditis	Myocarditis
Cardiac Dysrhythmias	Heart Failure
Cerebrovascular /Intracranial Hemorrhage	Aneurysm
Obstructive Upper Respiratory Conditions	Pneumonia
Acute Respiratory/Pulmonary Conditions	Tracheostomy Complications
Gastric/Intestinal Hemorrhage	Gastric/Intestinal Perforation
Gastrostomy Complications	Hernia with Obstruction
Intestinal Obstruction	Intestinal Hemorrhage
Intestinal Perforation	Liver Necrosis
Gallbladder Obstruction	Complicated Pyelonephritis
Renal Obstruction	Torsion
Vetebral Spondylosis with Complications	Pregnancy Related Hemorrhage
Umbilical Cord Complications	Obstetrical Trauma
Fetal/Newborn Complications of Labor & Delivery	Major Organ Hemorrhage of Newborn
Convulsions	Upper Respiratory Hemorrhage
Fractures/Strains	Open Wounds
Traumatic / Crushing Injuries	Poisionings
Foreign Body Penetrating Wounds	Adverse Affects of Temperature/External Causes
Chest Pain	Shortness of Breath