

Provider

Alert



**Subject: Reminder – Temporary Ambulance Transportation Increase
Expired December 31, 2008**

From: Passport Advantage
Sent: January 16, 2009
To: Passport Advantage Ambulance Providers

Provider Types Affected:

All Passport Advantage Ambulance Providers

Background:

From July 1, 2004 to January 1, 2009, Medicare reimbursed ambulance providers a 25 percent per mile increase for all miles above the initial 50 miles for ground ambulance trips over 50 miles. Passport Advantage (PAD) reimbursement has mirrored Medicare.

Update:

Effective December 31, 2008, the 25 percent increase to the per mile payment for ground ambulance trips over 50 miles expired. For dates of service on or after January 1, 2009, services paid under the ambulance fee schedule will no longer include this temporary increase.

Provider Action Needed:

Please share this important reimbursement information with the appropriate staff members in your office.

Resources and Questions:

For more information regarding this temporary increase, visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) web site or view the related article directly at:
www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3099.pdf.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact your Provider Relations representative or the Provider Relations department at (502) 585-7943.

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