Anthem BlueCross BlueShield

October 2013 Change to Ambulance Fee Schedule*

*This change is for non-contracting Medicare Advantage providers and contracting providers who have their fee schedules attached to Medicare only.

Anthem BlueCross BlueShield would like to make you aware of a CMS mandated change in the fee schedule. **Effective for transports occurring on and after October 1, 2013, fee schedule payments for non-emergency basic life support (BLS) transports of individuals with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) to and from renal dialysis treatment will be reduced by 10%.** The payment reduction affects transports to and from both hospital-based and freestanding renal dialysis treatment facilities for dialysis services provided on a non-emergency basis.

The reduced rate will be calculated after the normal payment rate (including any applicable add-on payments) is calculated and will be applied to the base rate for non-emergency BLS transports (identified by HCPCS code A0428 when billed with the modifier codes ‘G’ or ‘J’) and the associated mileage (identified by HCPCS code A0425). Payment for emergency transports and non-emergency BLS transports to other destinations (rural and urban) will remain unchanged.

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