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Via SEMT Website and Alaska Online Public Notices

All Potential SEMT Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) End Providers

Re: Fiscal Year 2021 SEMT Filing Extension

Dear SEMT FFY Providers:

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor approved the regulations regarding the Supplemental Emergency Medical Transportation (SEMT) program, 7 AAC 145.750 - 7 AAC 145.799 with an effective date of October 9, 2021. Per 7 AAC 145.760(b), cost reports are due 5 months after the close of the provider's fiscal year end for each fiscal year.

The State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-007 has an effective date of August 31, 2019 for the SEMT program. This authority allows for transports on or after this date of service to be eligible for SEMT reimbursement. As the SEMT regulations were not effective until October 9, 2021, there are reports for fiscal years on or after August 31, 2019, that have already concluded that could not be submitted within 5 months of the close of the provider's fiscal year end because that prior period has already passed. The regulations contain a provision, 7 AAC 145.760(h), that details the due date for prior period cost reports. This due date is 180 days after the effective date of the regulations, which results in a due date of April 7, 2022. Due to the lag between the SPA approval and regulations effective date, the FFY21 report was inadvertently left out of the regulations section that determined when the past year reports were due. It has come to our attention that Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021-year end reports for the SEMT program, per regulations, are currently due February 28, 2022. The due date for FFY21 (2/28/22) reports is before the due date for FFY19 and FFY20 (4/07/22) reports.

To correct this oversight, the Office of Rate Review is issuing a one-time extension for all Federal Fiscal Year 2021 cost reports and supporting documentation, to April 7, 2022. This extension puts the FFY21 reports' due date on par with all other fiscal years that have already concluded and ensures the FFY21 reports are not due before the FFY19 and FFY20 reports. Please note that this extension does not preclude you from filing the reports earlier than April 7, 2022, and there will be no penalty for reports filed early.

If you have any questions, please email me at sheavon.brunelle@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

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