

## **20.5 – Post-Stabilization Care Services**

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### **20.5.1 – Definition of Post-Stabilization**

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Post-stabilization care services are covered services that are:

- Related to an emergency medical condition;
- Provided after an enrollee is stabilized; and
- Provided to maintain the stabilized condition, or under certain circumstances (see below), to improve or resolve the enrollee's condition.

### **20.5.2 – MAO Financial Responsibility**

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The MAO is financially responsible for post-stabilization care services obtained within or outside the MAO that:

- Are pre-approved by a plan provider or other MAO representative;

- Although not pre-approved by a plan provider or other MAO representative, are administered to maintain the enrollee's stabilized condition within one hour of a request to the MAO for pre-approval of further post-stabilization care; or
- Although not pre-approved by a plan provider or other MAO representative, are administered to maintain, improve, or resolve the enrollee's stabilized condition when:
  - The MAO does not respond to a request for pre-approval within one hour;
  - The MAO cannot be contacted; or
  - The MAO representative and the treating physician cannot reach an agreement concerning the enrollee's care, and a plan physician is not available for consultation.

(In this situation, the MAO must give the treating physician the opportunity to consult with a plan physician. The treating physician may continue with care of the patient until a plan physician is reached or one of the criteria below is met.)

### **20.5.3 – End of Post-Stabilization**

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The MAO's financial responsibility for post-stabilization care services it has not pre-approved ends when:

- A plan physician with privileges at the treating hospital assumes responsibility for the enrollee's care;
- A plan physician assumes responsibility for the enrollee's care through transfer;
- An MAO representative and the treating physician reach an agreement concerning the enrollee's care; or
- The enrollee is discharged.

### **20.5.4 – Cost-Sharing**

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Enrollee charges for post-stabilization care services may not be greater than what the organization would charge the enrollee if s/he had obtained the services through a contracted provider of the MAO. For purposes of cost-sharing, post-stabilization care services begin when the patient is stabilized and the emergency ends.