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Dear Legislative Members:

Enclosed is a copy of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-010 Ambulance Provider Assessment Program. Pursuant to Section 6 of House Bill 695 (2025 Regular Session), the Cabinet for Health and Family Services is required to provide a copy of this amendment to the Legislative Research Commission concurrent with its submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The State Plan Amendment was submitted to CMS on December 1, 2025.

This amendment does not change eligibility, services or benefits and, therefore, does not require General Assembly authorization under Section 1 of HB 695.

SPA 25-010 amends language related to the Ambulance Provider Assessment Program (APAP) which is a program mandated by HB 8 (2020 RS). The law requires the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) to operate a provider tax-funded state directed payment (SDP) program for ambulance services. CMS approval is required annually on a calendar year basis. Each year DMS must recalculate the per trip add-on amounts based on anticipated provider tax collection amounts and emergency ambulance trip utilization. This amendment updates the fee-for-service per trip add-on amounts and total program dollars for calendar year 2026.

If you have questions regarding this submission, please contact Jonathan Scott, Chief Legislative and Regulatory Officer for the Department for Medicaid Services, at JonathanT.Scott@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

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