Chapter 7. Out-of-State Services

§701. Out-of-State Medical Care

A. Medicaid coverage is provided to eligible individuals who are absent from the state.

B. Medical claims for out-of-state services are honored when:

1. an emergency arises from an accident or illness;

2. the health of the recipient would be endangered if he undertook travel or if care and services are postponed until he returns to the state;

3. it is general practice for residents of a particular locality to use medical resources in the medical trade areas outside the state; and

4. the medical care and services or needed supplementary resources are not available within the state. Prior authorization is required for out-of-state care.

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