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## AMBULANCE SERVICES PAYMENT POLICY

Dear Provider,

Starting **January 1, 2020**, Kaiser Permanente of Washington (KPWA) will enforce the existing Ambulance Services Payment Policy. This payment policy states that KPWA "will reimburse licensed ambulance companies for emergency transport services to the nearest facility that can accommodate the member's medical treatment needs."

To support payment up to the nearest facility, the policy definitions have been revised to clarify "nearest facility" and now include a definition for "calculation of distance".

## **Ambulance Services Payment Policy**

https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/provider/billing-claims/ambulance.pdf

This letter is to provide a notice that enforcement will commence and provide an opportunity for any questions you may have regarding this policy.

If you have further questions about this payment policy, please contact our Provider Assistance Unit at 888-767-4670.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marc Mora, MD Senior Medical Director Networks and Care Management Washington Permanente Medical Group