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Clarification of Air Ambulance Rates for Worker's Compensation Payments

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The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (Division), under the authority of 114.3 CMR 27.01(6) and 114.3 CMR 40.01(3), is issuing this bulletin to clarify an issue regarding the application of the air ambulance transport rates to individuals covered by worker's compensation.

Amendments to 114.3 CMR 27.00, effective May 1, 2008, added specific rates for air ambulance transports. The Division's regulation, 114.3 CMR 27.01(1), states: "The **ground** transport rates set forth in 114.3 CMR 27.00 also apply to individuals covered by the Worker's Compensation Act, M.G.L.c.152." (emphasis added). Reference to the air transport rates is excluded.

- The air ambulance transport rates specified in 114.3 CMR 27.03 do not apply to individuals covered by worker's compensation.
- Air ambulance services provided to individuals covered by worker's compensation should be paid at Individual Consideration (I.C.) as defined in the Division's regulation, Rates for Services under M.G.L. c. 152, Worker's Compensation Act, at 114.3 CMR 40.04(4).