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Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Project Update

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ET3 - Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport

HHSC is implementing Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) services in Medicaid.

Purpose – Improved quality of care, reduced hospitalizations.

ET3 will allow emergency ambulance providers to be reimbursed for:

- Transporting clients to alternative destinations, other than an emergency department.
- Facilitating appropriate treatment in place at the scene.
- Facilitating appropriate treatment via telehealth.



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Table: Modifiers - ET3 Alternative Destinations and Treatment in Place

To reimburse ambulance providers for ET3 services, Texas Medicaid is adopting five new alpha character modifiers for use on ambulance claims.

Destination	Description
C	Community Mental Health Center (including Substance Use Disorder Center)
F	Federally Qualified Health Center
O	Physician's office
U	Urgent care facility
W	Treatment in Place (in person or via telehealth)



Procedure Codes

Emergency Ground Ambulance Transport

- **A0427 - ALS 1 emergency**
- **A0429 - BLS emergency**

No Prior Authorization required



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Project Updates

HHSC is working to update the existing Ambulance Services policy and make necessary system changes to ensure that Medicaid-enrolled ambulance providers can be reimbursed for provision of ET3 services.

- MCOs should get ready to update their systems in response to the new ET3 services.
- Draft policy posted on the HHS website-May 2022.
- MCO notice – TexConnect - July 21, 2022
- Provider notification – TMHP website - August 4, 2022
- Implementation - September 1, 2022



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Questions?
