

Emergency Services

4.102 Emergency Services (06/01/2018, GCR 17-090)

4.102.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this rule, the term:

- (a) **“Emergency Services”** means health care items and services furnished or required to evaluate and treat an emergency medical condition.
- (b) **“Post-Stabilization Services”** means health care items and services related to an emergency medical condition that are provided after a beneficiary is stabilized, in order to maintain the stabilized condition.
- (c) **“Emergency Medical Condition”** means an illness or medical condition that manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in serious jeopardy to the beneficiary’s physical or mental health, serious impairment of bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

4.102.2 Covered Services

Emergency services and post-stabilization services are covered for beneficiaries 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

4.102.3 Conditions for Coverage

Beneficiaries must be within the United States at the time such benefits are needed.

4.102.4 Prior Authorization

Prior Authorization is not required for emergency services.