## Unauthorized Emergency Care Documentation Submission Procedures

Providers who continue to elect to submit paper claims and paper documentation to support claims for unauthorized emergency care should be aware of the following:

- VA must be capable of linking submitted supporting documentation to a corresponding claim.
- Community providers have three options that allow for that linkage:
  - Submit the claim electronically via 837 transaction and the supporting documentation via 275 transaction.
  - Include the claim or a copy of the claim on top of the supporting documentation that is mailed to the following address:

VHA Office of Community Care P.O. Box 30780 Tampa, FL 33630-3780

 Include a completed cover sheet with the supporting documentation that is mailed to the above address. Cover sheets can be found electronically: <u>https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/providers/info\_claimsP2E.asp</u>

Supporting documentation may include:

- Ambulance Run Report
- Emergency Room Notes
- History and Physical
- Progress Notes
- Transfer Notes and Discharge Summaries
- Other Health Insurance (OHI) and Explanation of Benefits (EOBs)
- Any other document type normally sent via paper in support of a Veteran unauthorized emergency claim
- NOTE: Documentation that is *not* required include flowsheets and medication administration

While VA always encourages providers to submit claims electronically, on *and* after May 1, 2020, it is important that all documentation submitted in support of a claim comply with one of the two paper submission processes described above. Any supporting documentation that VA is unable to link to a claim will be returned to sender for additional information.

## <u>NOTE</u>: The processes outlined above are exclusive to supplying documentation for unauthorized emergent care. These do not apply to authorized care

## Authorized Referred Care

Medical documentation for care referred and authorized by VA or VA's TPAs should be submitted to the referring VA as part of the Veteran's care coordination process. VA has several options providers can choose from for submission of these documents. More information about submitting documenation for authorized care can be found at <u>Request and</u> <u>Coordinate Care</u>.

## **More Information**

For more information on this change, please visit the VA Community Care website.

