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**Jimm Murray former Wyoming EMS Director shared the following information. Nebraska ambulance services need to provide feedback to CMS because this could have a financial impact on ambulance services.**

### **CMS Proposed Rule Change**

#### **CMS Proposed Rule May Result in States Dropping Medicaid Coverage for Non-Emergency Transports**

CMS has published an important Proposed Rule in the Federal Register regarding state Medicaid programs. Although this is currently only a *proposed* rule, it would, if adopted, permit states to submit amended state Medicaid plans to eliminate non-emergency medical transportation as a covered Medicaid benefit. In short, **state Medicaid programs would no longer be required to pay for non-emergency transport services for many types of Medicaid enrollees.**

This Proposed Rule was published with a very short comment period. Comments are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2008.

To read the Proposed Rule change and for instructions to submit comments, navigate to the following website:

<http://www.pwwemslaw.com/content.aspx?id=346>

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