


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

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TO: DC Medicaid Providers of Emergency Medical Transportation Services

FROM: Melisa Byrd 
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SUBJECT: Update of Reimbursement Rates for Emergency Medical Transportation Services

The purpose of this transmittal is to inform the District of Columbia's Medicaid providers that reimbursement rates for ground mileage and several emergency medical transportation services provided to DC's Medicaid recipients have been updated effective October 1, 2018.

To ensure reimbursement rates more closely reflect the costs incurred by the DC Medicaid providers in delivering emergency medical transportation services, the DC Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) has worked on a State Plan Amendment (SPA) and further obtained approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to update the reimbursement rates for ground mileage and emergency transportation services to DC Medicaid recipients. The table below outlines the codes and rates that have been updated. The Medicaid Fee Schedule is located on the DHCF website at <https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/nonsecure/feeScheduleDownload>.

Procedure Code	Code Short Desc	DC FS Factor Code	Current DC Rate	New DC Rate
A0425	Ground mileage, per statute mile	Z1 - Gen Fee Schedule	\$1.25	\$6.55
A0427	Ambulance svc, ALS-1 emergency	Prov Specific Rate	\$471.00	\$498.05
A0427	Ambulance svc, ALS-1 emergency	Z1 - Gen Fee Schedule	\$216.27	\$498.05
A0429	Ambulance svc, BLS emergency	Z1 - Gen Fee Schedule	\$163.39	\$419.41
A0433	Ambulance svc, ALS-2	Z6 - Gen Not Covered	\$0.00	\$720.86

If you have questions regarding this fee schedule update, please contact Amy Xing, Reimbursement Analyst, Office of Rates, Reimbursement and Financial Analysis (ORRFA) Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), via email at amy.xing2@dc.gov, or via telephone at (202) 481-3375.