

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Department of Health Care Finance**



Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

**Transmittal 21-48**

**TO:** All D.C. Medicaid Providers

**FROM:** Melisa Byrd  
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**DATE:** December 1, 2021

**SUBJECT: Medicaid and Alliance MCO Emergency Medical Transportation**

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The purpose of this transmittal is to inform providers that effective for dates of service beginning October 1, 2021, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) established a new payment policy for Medicaid reimbursable Emergency Medical Transportation services and, as well, for the Alliance program. Under this new policy, Emergency Medical Transportation services remain as a benefit available to beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicaid Managed Care program and in the DC Health Care Alliance program, but service providers will be reimbursed by DHCF instead of Managed Care Organizations. Network providers and hospitals should submit applicable claims for Emergency Transportation service (see chart below) for either Medicaid or Alliance enrollees directly to DHCF for reimbursement.

All remaining currently Medicaid and Alliance MCO reimbursable services remain the responsibility of the assigned MCO, and network providers and hospitals should continue to bill the MCO for those services.

**EMS Procedure Codes**

<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
A0420	Ambulance waiting time (ALS or BLS), one half (1/2) hour increments
A0422	Supplies (Oxygen - Life sustaining situations) Ambulance (ALS or BLS) oxygen and oxygen supplies, life sustaining situation
A0424	Extra ambulance attendant, ground (ALS or BLS) or air (fixed or rotary winged)
A0425	Ground Mileage – Ground mileage, Per Statute mile
A0427	ALS 1 – Ambulance service, advanced life support, emergency transport, level 1
A0429	BLS – Ambulance service, basic life support, emergency transport
A0430	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (fixed wing)
A0431	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (rotary wing)
A0433	ALS 2 - Advanced life support, level 2
A0436	Air - Mileage - Rotary wing air mileage, per statute mile
A0999	Unlisted ambulance service

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