

## IHCP announces changes to reimbursement for EMS providers

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announces changes to the reimbursement rates for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers for advanced life support (ALS) services, basic life support (BLS) services and nonemergency medical transportation services within the provider's scope of practice. These changes are made in accordance with the *House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1112* (2022), and as approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) under state plan amendment (SPA) 22-0010. The reimbursement rate changes will be effective July 1, 2023.

For dates of service (DOS) on or after July 1, 2023, Medicaid will reimburse these services at the lower rate of one of the following:

- The provider's submitted charge
- The allowable amount for that procedure code in the IHCP Professional Fee Schedule in effect for that date of service. The allowable amount is equal to the Medicare urban rate for Indiana as of each Jan. 1, if available.
- If the Medicare urban rate for Indiana is not available, the allowable amount is equal to the IHCP Professional Fee Schedule rate in effect for that date of service, adjusted for inflation as determined by the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP).



For procedure code A0225, the allowable amount is equal to the IHCP Professional Fee Schedule rate for procedure code A0427. *Note: The IHCP Professional Fee Schedule is accessible from the [IHCP Fee Schedules](#) page at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](#).*

These changes are effective as of July 1, 2023, and apply to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes in [Table 1](#). Nonemergency ambulance services providers will be reimbursed at the same rates if the service is within the provider's scope of practice.

Table 1 – Rate changes for transportation procedure codes, effective for DOS on or after July 1, 2023

Procedure code	Description	Rate effective July 1, 2023
A0225	Ambulance service, neonatal transport, base rate, emergency transport, one way	\$440.29
A0420 U1	Ambulance waiting time (ALS), one-half (1/2) hour increments	\$25.16
A0420 U2	Ambulance waiting time (BLS), one-half (1/2) hour increments	\$25.16
A0424	Extra ambulance attendant, ground (ALS or BLS) or air (fixed or rotary winged); (requires medical review)	\$6.29
A0425 SE	Ground mileage, per statute mile, Medical Review Team (MRT)	\$1.57
A0425 U1	Ground mileage, per statute mile, ALS	\$8.02
A0425 U2	Ground mileage, per statute mile, BLS	\$8.02
A0425 U3	Ground mileage, per statute mile, commercial or common ambulatory service (CAS)	\$1.57
A0425 U5	Ground mileage, per statute mile, nonambulatory service (NAS)	\$1.57
A0426	Ambulance service, advanced life support, nonemergency transport, level 1 (ALS 1)	\$278.08
A0427	Ambulance service, advanced life support, emergency transport, level 1 (ALS 1 - emergency)	\$440.29
A0428	Ambulance service, basic life support, nonemergency transport, (BLS)	\$231.73
A0429	Ambulance service, basic life support, emergency transport (BLS, emergency)	\$370.77
A0430	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (fixed wing)	\$3,149.32
A0431	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (rotary wing)	\$3,661.56
A0431 QL	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (rotary wing); patient pronounced dead after takeoff to point of pickup, but before the patient is loaded	\$3,661.56
A0433	Advanced life support, level 2 (ALS 2)	\$637.27
A0435	Fixed wing air mileage, per statute mile	\$9.41
A0436	Rotary wing air mileage, per statute mile	\$25.10
T2007 SE	Transportation waiting time, air ambulance and nonemergency vehicle, one-half (1/2) hour increments, MRT	\$7.43
T2007 U3	Transportation waiting time, air ambulance and nonemergency vehicle, one-half (1/2) hour increments, CAS	\$7.01
T2007 U5	Transportation waiting time, air ambulance and nonemergency vehicle, one-half (1/2) hour increments, NAS	\$7.01

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