

Purpose

The purpose of The New Hampshire Ground Ambulance Cost Study and The Development of an Illustrative, Cost-Based Reimbursement Rate Schedule for Ground Ambulance Services is to gather detailed information on the financial landscape of ground ambulance services in New Hampshire. This study is essential for ensuring that New Hampshire's ground ambulance providers are compensated fairly, enabling them to continue delivering high-quality, timely care to the communities they serve. The project is already underway and will be finished no later than December 31, 2024.

Public Consulting Group LLC (PCG) was hired to conduct this study and we are collecting all submitted Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System (GADCS) instruments from New Hampshire Licensed EMS Units. If you have a copy, please save it as you will be asked to upload a copy of your instrument to our survey request that will be sent out on September 4th. The deadline to submit your data is September 11th. Your participation in the data request is required.

If you submitted the GADCS instrument but do not have a copy, follow instructions below to request a copy from CMS via email. It may take a few days to receive the PDF GADCS instrument back from CMS. This is what you will upload to PCG's data collection survey.

Request a Copy of your Department's GADCS Instrument

Step 1:

Enter Email "To" Line: ambulancedatacollection@cms.hhs.gov

Step 2:

Enter "Subject" Line: <Your Licensed EMS Unit Name> | Request for GADCS Instrument

Step 3:

Draft Email Body: I am with **<Insert Licensed EMS Unit Name>**, and I am requesting a copy of our GADCS Instrument. Our NPI number is **<Insert NPI Number>**. We kindly request to obtain a copy of our **GADCS Instrument by September 9th**.

Response from CMS and Next Steps

CMS will typically respond back with a copy for your department's GADCS instrument within two business days. However, it may take longer if they have a higher volume of inquiries or during a holiday.

PCG will send a request on September 4th with a secure survey link to upload your GADCS.

Contact PCG with any Questions

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