

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### RATE SCHEDULE

1. How does the NH Ground Ambulance Cost Study final report compare to the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection Survey (GADCS) Year 1 and Year 2 Cohort Analysis report released by Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 20, 2024?

- ▶ The New Hampshire Ground Ambulance Cost Study Final Report and the Medicare GADCS report both reference the GADCS data collected by CMS; however, there are significant differences in each report's purpose, methodology and sample size. The GADCS report uses nationwide data, collected from EMS Units across the country to identify trends impacting the larger Ground Ambulance system, including but not limited to cost. It is not meant to set distinct rates. The initial Year 1 and Year 2 Cohort Analysis report represents a portion of the overall data being collected by CMS with data collection still ongoing.

The New Hampshire Ground Ambulance Cost Study Final Report used a combination of GADCS and non-GADCS submission data from Licensed EMS Units operating in New Hampshire, with the intent of developing a fee schedule compliant with Senate Bill 407 for distinct ground ambulance codes. For the purpose of the NH rate study, EMS-related cost for included Licensed EMS Units was allocated to Transports, Treat No Transport services and Mileage to arrive at recommended reimbursement rates.

2. What codes are reviewed in the New Hampshire Ground Ambulance Cost Study Final Report?
  - a. Rates were developed for the following Procedure and procedure codes for the Cost Study.

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description
A0425	Mileage
A0426	Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1), Non-emergency
A0427	Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1), Emergency
A0428	Basic Life Support (BLS), Non-emergency
A0429	Basic Life Support (BLS), Emergency
A0432	Paramedic Intercept, Volunteer Ambulance Co
A0433	Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2)
A0434	Specialty Care Transport (SCT)
A0998	Response and Treatment, no transport

3. What are the proposed rates from the New Hampshire Ground Ambulance Cost Study Final Report?
- a. Please see full proposed rate schedule below. All rate recommendations are subject to final New Hampshire Legislative Approval.

<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Urban</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Super Rural</b>
A0426	Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1), Non-emergency	\$691.24	\$698.02	\$855.77
A0427	Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1), Emergency	\$1,094.46	\$1,105.19	\$1,354.97
A0428	Basic Life Support (BLS), Non-emergency	\$576.03	\$581.68	\$713.14
A0429	Basic Life Support (BLS), Emergency	\$921.65	\$930.69	\$1,141.03
A0432	Paramedic Intercept, Volunteer Ambulance Co	\$1,008.06	\$1,017.94	\$1,248.00
A0433	Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2)	\$1,584.09	\$1,599.62	\$1,961.14
A0434	Specialty Care Transport (SCT)	\$1,872.11	\$1,890.46	\$2,317.71
A0998 (BLS)	Response and Treatment, no transport	\$414.07	\$418.13	\$512.63
A0998 (ALS 1)	Response and Treatment, no transport	\$491.71	\$496.53	\$608.75
A0998 (ALS 2)	Response and Treatment, no transport	\$711.69	\$718.67	\$881.09
A0425	Mileage	\$19.14	\$19.33	\$28.99