



WASHINGTON AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

PRESENTED TO: GROUND AMBULANCE STUDY ADVISORY GROUP

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How ground ambulance services are funded in Washington state:

➤ 3 Basic Payor Types

- Medicaid

- Medicare

- Commercial Payors

➤ Other

- Contracts, Standby, Wildland Support, etc.

Reimbursement

- GEMT
 - Public Reimbursement Based on Actual Cost
 - \$3000.00
 - Private Ambulance Provider Reimbursement
 - BLS - \$115 plus mileage
 - ALS - \$168 plus mileage



FIXED Reimbursement

- Medicaid and Medicare are fixed reimbursement
 - Medicaid hasn't been adjusted since 2004
 - All Inclusive Rates
 - Zero reimbursement for supplies
 - Reimbursed for Transport
 - Only loaded miles



Staffing

- Shortage of EMT & Paramedics
 - Highest Minimum Wage State in the US
 - Increased Labor and Equipment Costs
- Payer Mix by Market
 - Low Commercial Insurance – Loss of Service



Healthcare System

- Facility Delays
 - Thruput Delays
- Rural Underserved Regions
- EMS Districting & Subsidy

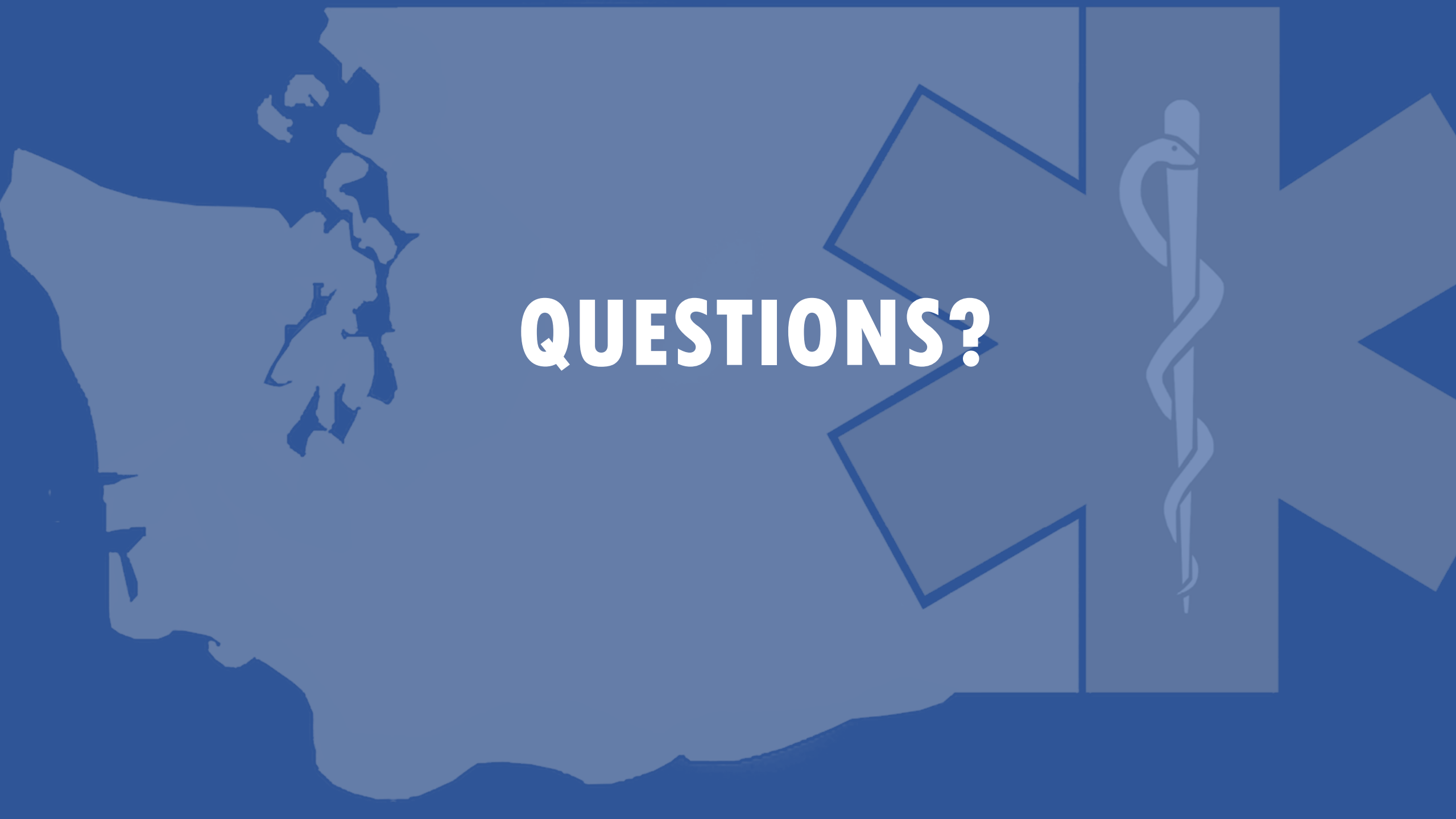


Sentinel Events

- Falk Ambulance
- Pierce County
 - AMR
- Reduction in services



QUESTIONS?





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