



Overview of Public EMS Reimbursement

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Coverages by Payer and Service Provided

Name of the service	Medicare	WA Medicaid FFS	Commercial
Emergency transports (to higher care)	Yes, when meets medically necessary criteria	Yes, when meets medically necessary criteria	Yes
Non-Emerg transports interfacility, higher level	Yes	Yes	Only if covered, often not in full
Non-emerg transports, lower level (H-Res/SNF)	Conditional, medical necessity is stringent	Conditional, medical necessity is stringent	Only if covered, often not in full
Patient is in-patient	No, facility is responsible	No, facility is responsible	Only if covered, often not in full
Treat, No Transport	No	No, unless Treat & Refer enrolled	Conditional, generally no.
Specialty Care Transport	Yes	Yes, but pays as ALS	Yes
Transport to Alt. Destination	No	Yes, if criteria are met	Conditional, generally no.
Transport from Jail - Hosp	Conditional	Conditional	N/A
Involuntary Mental Health (various origin/destination)	Conditional	Yes	Yes
First response service (another agency transports)	No	No	No

Medicare and Medicaid Fee Schedules (today)

Level of Service	Medicare (urban)	WA Medicaid FFS
A0425 Mileage (per mile)	\$8.54	\$5.08
A0426 ALS Non- Emergency	\$324.67	\$168.43
A0427 ALS Emergency	\$514.06	\$168.43
A0428 BLS Non- emergency	\$270.56	\$115.34
A0429 BLS Emergency	\$432.89	\$115.34
A0433 ALS 2	\$744.04	\$168.43
A0434 Specialty Care	\$879.32	\$168.43

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Date Of Service	7/1/2021
Date Of Service	6/30/2022
Invoices	0

	Tickets	%	Charges	%	Payments	%	Levy Fund	%	Write Offs	%
Medicare (Fee Schedule)										
Hospital Part A	40	0 %	38,761.03	0 %	-19,432.08	0 %	-1,118.70	0 %	-961.74	0 %
MedAdv/Part C	13805	22 %	13,331,042.00	21 %	-4,838,739.20	18 %	-1,245,937.24	33 %	-6,987,001.08	23 %
Medicare Part B	20194	32 %	19,793,885.20	31 %	-9,156,905.81	33 %	-369,511.16	10 %	-10,148,976.01	33 %
Group Total	34039	54 %	33,163,688.23	53 %	-14,015,077.09	51 %	-1,616,567.10	43 %	-17,136,938.83	56 %
Medicaid (Fee Schedule)										
Medicaid--AK	3	0 %	2,383.36	0 %	0.00	0 %	0.00	0 %	-1,526.16	0 %
Medicaid--CA	3	0 %	2,982.37	0 %	0.00	0 %	0.00	0 %	-2,251.58	0 %
Medicaid--CA-Mgd Care	5	0 %	4,757.99	0 %	-453.26	0 %	0.00	0 %	-4,304.73	0 %
Medicaid--CO	1	0 %	1,195.80	0 %	0.00	0 %	0.00	0 %	-1,195.80	0 %
Medicaid--ID	70	0 %	44,443.52	0 %	-20,411.28	0 %	0.00	0 %	-22,331.99	0 %
Medicaid--MT	1	0 %	1,110.70	0 %	0.00	0 %	0.00	0 %	-1,110.70	0 %
Medicaid--OR	8	0 %	10,646.16	0 %	-337.67	0 %	-1,133.40	0 %	-4,739.49	0 %
Medicaid--OR-Mgd Care	42	0 %	46,778.67	0 %	-5,881.23	0 %	0.00	0 %	-38,313.16	0 %
Medicaid--Other	15	0 %	18,535.37	0 %	-130.00	0 %	-1,101.00	0 %	-16,513.62	0 %
Medicaid--WA	13524	22 %	14,933,676.23	24 %	-3,913,980.74	14 %	-18,873.41	1 %	-10,979,240.20	36 %
Medicaid--WA-Mgd Care	1	0 %	966.50	0 %	-311.42	0 %	0.00	0 %	-655.08	0 %
Group Total	13673	22 %	15,067,476.67	24 %	-3,941,505.60	14 %	-21,107.81	1 %	-11,072,182.51	36 %

Payer Mix Report *(pg 2)*

	Tickets	%	Charges	%	Payments	%	Levy Fund	%	Write Offs	%											
Commercial																					
Auto	626	1 %	602,116.11	1 %	-534,946.42	2 %	-17,556.35	0 %	-34,361.80	0 %											
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	13	0 %	7,417.80	0 %	-5,069.02	0 %	0.00	0 %	-753.06	0 %											
Contract Payer	1	0 %	1,061.75	0 %	0.00	0 %	0.00	0 %	0.00	0 %											
Federal Prison	8	0 %	6,722.59	0 %	-4,145.08	0 %	0.00	0 %	-677.22	0 %											
Indian Health	13	0 %	13,537.16	0 %	-5,849.80	0 %	-1,720.80	0 %	-506.05	0 %											
Kaiser	58	0 %	70,560.08	0 %	-60,620.33	0 %	-1,054.05	0 %	-3,241.69	0 %											
Kaiser WA	1187	2 %	1,160,015.06	2 %	-961,930.28	4 %	-121,164.39	3 %	-64,933.67	0 %											
Miscellaneous Insurance	2908	5 %	2,880,379.19	5 %	-1,955,666.01	7 %	-403,027.24	11 %	-338,214.78	1 %											
Premera	2437	4 %	2,437,469.49	4 %	-1,997,986.73	7 %	-215,088.90	6 %	-147,644.80	0 %											
Regence	2635	4 %	2,687,264.15	4 %	-2,229,847.01	8 %	-244,729.96	6 %	-148,835.88	0 %											
Tricare	527	1 %	526,840.87	1 %	-250,553.66	1 %	-12,849.91	0 %	-235,604.19	1 %											
Veterans Administration	769	1 %	778,384.88	1 %	-682,221.63	2 %	-15,659.02	0 %	-59,631.34	0 %											
Workers Comp	431	1 %	442,959.05	1 %	-310,782.76	1 %	-2,791.79	0 %	-93,574.43	0 %											
Group Total	11613	19 %	11,614,728.18	18 %	-8,999,618.73	33 %	-1,035,642.41	28 %	-1,127,978.91	4 %											
Private/Self-pay																					
Insurance Research	193	0 %	190,527.66	0 %	-11,027.91	0 %	-24,210.34	1 %	-119,165.14	0 %											
Levy	1244	2 %	1,144,156.50	2 %	-34,675.01	0 %	-1,031,309.95	27 %	-56,465.08	0 %											
Private	1891	3 %	1,818,625.64	3 %	-341,866.18	1 %	-37,021.84	1 %	-1,354,195.12	4 %											
Group Total	3328	5 %	3,153,309.80	5 %	-387,569.10	1 %	-1,092,542.13	29 %	-1,529,825.34	5 %											
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ANNUAL COLLECTION STATISTICS

Date Of Service	7/1/2021
Date Of Service	6/30/2022

Month	Tickets	Charges	Payments	%	Levy	%	Disallowed	%	Uncollected	%	Pending	%
Jul 21	5279	5,259,176.81	-2,352,910.18	45 %	-329,160.20	6 %	-2,339,169.23	44 %	-208,727.01	4 %	29,210.19	1 %
Aug 21	5394	5,392,777.94	-2,388,974.41	44 %	-312,822.19	6 %	-2,476,232.06	46 %	-193,071.06	4 %	21,678.22	0 %
Sep 21	4904	4,876,383.62	-2,133,740.70	44 %	-297,681.73	6 %	-2,190,789.83	45 %	-217,510.11	4 %	36,661.25	1 %
Oct 21	5207	5,196,225.63	-2,298,658.62	44 %	-297,279.69	6 %	-2,370,742.80	46 %	-189,018.54	4 %	40,525.98	1 %
Nov 21	5086	5,020,101.03	-2,215,046.76	44 %	-301,062.16	6 %	-2,290,987.87	46 %	-162,038.41	3 %	50,965.83	1 %
Dec 21	5403	5,391,933.20	-2,364,624.83	44 %	-339,163.90	6 %	-2,435,030.22	45 %	-201,229.97	4 %	51,884.28	1 %
Jan 22	5470	5,577,297.21	-2,376,705.20	43 %	-369,689.46	7 %	-2,552,321.07	46 %	-187,285.30	3 %	91,296.18	2 %
Feb 22	4705	4,791,782.29	-2,044,513.11	43 %	-289,960.74	6 %	-2,174,198.02	45 %	-187,978.21	4 %	95,132.21	2 %
Mar 22	5250	5,301,529.93	-2,258,288.33	43 %	-319,522.69	6 %	-2,429,075.46	46 %	-181,206.15	3 %	113,437.30	2 %
Apr 22	5131	5,211,898.92	-2,251,684.78	43 %	-294,330.40	6 %	-2,407,668.98	46 %	-133,108.89	3 %	125,105.87	2 %
May 22	5310	5,319,254.22	-2,233,247.80	42 %	-292,397.40	5 %	-2,445,780.10	46 %	-162,912.71	3 %	184,916.21	3 %
Jun 22	5514	5,660,842.08	-2,413,474.30	43 %	-321,483.11	6 %	-2,523,779.25	45 %	-186,484.24	3 %	215,621.18	4 %
	62,653	62,999,202.88	-27,331,869.02		-3,764,553.67		-28,635,774.89		-2,210,570.60		1,056,434.70	

All amounts shown relate directly to each month's charges.

