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I was re-reading through the prepublication today and I believe we have failed to discuss a section that is going to require possible modification to the rate document.

New WAC Section 284-438-027

(2) Until December 31, 2027, when a ground ambulance services organization provides a ground ambulance transport outside of their geographic area, the rate paid is the lesser of: (a) The locally set rate for the geographic service area where the transport originated; or (b) The ground ambulance service organization's billed charges.

I don't believe this can't be legally permitted for public providers as it may force an agency to gift public funds by charging a lower fee for the service than their publicly set rate. As it stands today a provider submits their own rates for ambulance transport whether that transport originates in their own primary response area or another. In the future nothing would change, and that rate would be submitted to the OIC as required . In the future an ambulance provider would have to follow the billing model of the agency when providing transport for an area outside their own primary response area. Each ambulance provider in the state would have to know the rates for all other providers, at least in their immediate response area and also have to be made aware of any changes.

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