

# Ground Ambulance Study Work Plan – DRAFT (March 16, 2023)

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Final Draft Report for internal OIC review	August 15, 2023
Report Due to Legislature	October 1, 2023

Work Plan and Check List	Status	Due Date
<b>Interagency Workstream - Interagency Agreement</b>		
UW/VSSL – OIC IAA signed	Complete	
<b>Data Analysis – UW/VSSL &amp; OIC</b>		
Obtain DOH base data from EMS license applications for UW/VSSL	Complete	12/12/22
<b>Analysis of DOH EMS License applications</b>		
• VSSL outline to OIC		6/1/23
<b>APCD data analysis:</b>		
• APCD Data Use Agreement amendment	In process	3/24/23
• Data analysis plan – APCD analysis to include claim count, charged amounts, paid amount, copay amount, coinsurance amount, allowed amount, and deductible amount all broken out by provider type, INN/OON, payer type, EMS transport type, location of service.	Complete	1/18/23
• WEMIS Data Registry data (as secondary data source)	In process	
• Data analysis results	Complete	5/1/23

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Review of other states' ground ambulance balance billing laws - - OIC		
Meeting with Georgetown University Center for Health Insurance Reform (CHIR): <a href="https://chirblog.org/filling-gap-no-surprises-act-states-protect-consumers-network-ground-ambulance-bills/">https://chirblog.org/filling-gap-no-surprises-act-states-protect-consumers-network-ground-ambulance-bills/</a> <a href="https://www.maine.gov/ems/sites/maine.gov/ems/files/inline-files/20210201-LD2105-Committee-Final-Report.pdf">https://www.maine.gov/ems/sites/maine.gov/ems/files/inline-files/20210201-LD2105-Committee-Final-Report.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2021/protecting-consumers-surprise-ambulance-bills">https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2021/protecting-consumers-surprise-ambulance-bills</a>	Complete	1/3/23
Interviews with Maine, Colorado, Texas, Maryland DOI's	Complete	2/16/23
Loren Adler USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy	Complete	1/19/23
<b>Carrier Survey – OIC</b>		
Determine survey format – email or Qualtrics	Completed	3/1/23
Send draft ground ambulance provider survey to Advisory Group & CHIR for review and comment	Complete	3/10/23
Comments due back from advisory group	Complete	3/24/23
Identify survey recipients (AWHP Regulatory Committee members)	Complete	4/1/23
Review draft survey comments received with advisory group	Complete	3/31/23
Release survey	Complete	5/1/23
Survey responses due		6/1/23
Survey results compiled		7/1/23
<b>Ground ambulance provider survey – VSSL &amp; OIC</b>		
UW/VSSL -- Draft questionnaire for Ground Ambulance Survey to OIC	Complete	3/1/23 (draft)
OIC/HCA/DOH feedback to VSSL on draft	Complete	3/2/23
Draft ground ambulance provider survey to advisory group for review and comment	Complete	3/10/23
Comments due back from advisory group to VSSL	Complete	3/24/23
OIC to identify survey recipients – use the associations in the advisory group	Complete	4/1/23
OIC to determine survey format	Complete	4/1/23
Review draft survey comments received with advisory group	Complete	3/31/23
Release survey	Complete	5/1/23
Survey responses due		6/1/23
Survey results compiled (by OIC)		7/21/23

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<b>Advisory Group</b>		
Meeting #1	Complete	1/20/23
Share work plan and request feedback	Complete	1/20/23
Meeting #2	Complete	2/27/23
Send draft ground ambulance provider & carrier surveys to advisory group for review and comment	Complete	3/10/23
Comments on draft surveys due back from advisory group	Complete	3/24/23
Meeting #3	Complete	3/31/23
Review draft survey comments received with advisory group	Complete	3/31/23
Meeting #4 -- Report out data analysis results		5/4/23 (tentative)
Potential additional meetings		TBD
Final carrier survey results compiled		7/1/23
Final ground ambulance provider survey results compiled		7/XX/23
VSSL report out analysis of DOH EMS License applications		7/15/23
Solicit recommendations or suggestions to prevent or eliminate balance billing for ground ambulance services from advisory group		7/1/23
Compile input from Advisory Committee		7/XX/23
Share draft legislative report for review and comment		8/10/23
<a href="#">Federal Advisory Committee on Ground Ambulance and Patient Billing</a>		
<a href="#">Section 117 of P.L. 116-260 (page 1709)</a>		