

## Ambulance, Air or Ground

# **Policy**

**Emergency transport** is billable by provider type 32 and must be provided by the **least expensive means** available, consistent with the recipient's medical condition. See <u>Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1900-Transportation Services</u> for Nevada Medicaid policy.

### Fee schedule

The <u>Ambulance Air and Ground Fee Schedule</u> is online on the DHCFP Rates Unit webpage at <a href="http://dhcfp.nv.gov">http://dhcfp.nv.gov</a>.

#### **Prior authorization**

Fee-for-Service emergency transport does not require prior authorization. For Managed Care Organization (MCO) enrollees, check with the MCO for special requirements.

#### **Covered services**

The following services are considered emergency transport and are billable by provider type 32:

- Transport resulting from a 911 call.
- Scheduled emergency transport as described in MSM Chapter 1900, Section 1903.1D.
- Specialty care transport as described in MSM Chapter 1900, Section 1903.1C.

The following codes are billable:

Code	Description	Units
A0225	Ambulance service, neonatal transport, base rate, emergency transport, one way	1 unit per claim
A0380	Basic life support mileage (per mile)	Units = miles
A0390	Advanced life support (per mile)	Units = miles
A0425	Ground mileage per statute mile	Units = miles
A0426	Ambulance service, advanced life support, non-emergency transport, level 1	1 unit per claim
A0427	Ambulance service, advanced life support, emergency transport, level 1	1 unit per claim
A0428	Ambulance service, basic life support, non-emergency transport	1 unit per claim
A0429	Ambulance service, basic life support, emergency transport	1 unit per claim
A0430	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (fixed wing)	1 unit per claim
A0431	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (rotary wing)	1 unit per claim
A0432	Paramedic intercept (PI), rural area, transport furnished by a volunteer ambulance company which is prohibited by state law from billing third-party payers	1 unit per claim
A0433	Advanced life support, level 2	1 unit per claim
A0434	Specialty care transport	1 unit per claim
A0435	Fixed wing air mileage, per statute mile	Units = miles
A0436	Rotary wing air mileage, per statute mile	Units = miles



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# Billing base rate and mileage

To bill for base rate and mileage using paper CMS-1500 paper claim form:

- On one claim line, enter the appropriate transport base code in Field 24D (A0225, A0426, A0427, 0428, A0429, A0430, A0431, A0432, A0433 or A0434). On the same line, enter a 1 in Field 24G.
- On another claim line, enter the mileage code in Field 24D (A0380, A0390, A0425, A0435 or A0436) and the number of miles in Field 24G (one mile equals one unit).

### Base rate and mileage are paid separately.

#### **Electronic billers**

Providers who bill electronically must follow the instructions specified in the Transaction 837P – Professional Health Care Claim and Encounter EDI Companion Guide, which is available on the Electronic Claims/EDI webpage at <a href="http://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/edi.aspx">http://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/edi.aspx</a>.

# **ALS required documentation**

Per MSM Chapter 1900, section 1903.1, providers who submit claims coded as Advanced Life Support (ALS) Level 2 (code A0433) must present supporting documentation for the service.

Please maintain this documentation in your in-house records. Do not submit it with your claim.

#### **Non-covered services**

The following are not billable by provider type 32:

- Empty trip to or from a destination (deadheading)
- Waiting time, stairs, plane loading
- Response with non-transport
- Routine or special supplies
- Transport of deceased persons
- Non-emergency transport

### **LogistiCare**

LogistiCare provides non-emergency transportation for all Nevada Medicaid recipients (including Indian Health Services). Prior authorization and 48-hour pre-scheduling are required.

### Contact LogistiCare at (888) 737-0833.

Nevada Check Up recipients are entitled to emergency and specialty care transport, but not non-emergency transportation services. Reservations must be set up through LogistiCare with a *recommended* five (5) day advance notice, although all reservations will be accommodated, if possible. Urgent appointments, e.g., surgery follow-up or a broken bone, are same day or next day transports.