

**State of Mississippi**

**METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES-OTHER  
TYPES OF CARE**

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**24a. Transportation**

**Emergency Ground Ambulance**

The Division of Medicaid reimburses emergency ground ambulance services, including mileage beginning with the twenty-sixth (26<sup>th</sup>) mile, the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or a fee from a statewide uniform fee schedule set as of July 1, 2020 and effective for the services provided on or after July 1, 2020. The fees are calculated at one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicare ambulance urban fee schedule in effect as of January 1, 2020. If a Medicare fee is not established, then the fee is set at one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicare fee for a comparable service.

**Emergency Air Ambulance**

The Division of Medicaid reimburses the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or a fee from a statewide uniform fee schedule updated July 1 of each year and effective for the services listed below provided on or after July 1 of each year and is calculated as seventy percent (70%) of the Medicare ambulance fee schedule in effect as of January 1 of each year. If a Medicare fee is not established, then the fee is set at seventy percent (70%) of the Medicare fee for a comparable service.

- 1) Emergency Air Ambulance Services provided in a rotary-wing aircraft, including mileage, and
- 2) Emergency and Urgent Air Ambulance Services provided in a fixed-wing aircraft, including mileage.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of emergency ambulance transportation services. All rates are published at [www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#).

The Division of Medicaid will reduce the rate of reimbursement to providers for emergency ambulance transportation services by five percent (5%) of the allowed amount for that service. The five percent (5%) reduction has been in place since July 1, 2002 and the fee schedule already incorporates the five percent (5%) reduction. The federal match will be paid based on the reduced amount.

**Non-Emergency Transportation**

The Division of Medicaid reimburses for Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) services through a Broker Program or Broker as described in Attachment 3.1-D.

Transportation for EPSDT beneficiaries, if medically necessary, which exceed the limitations and scope for Medicaid beneficiaries, as covered in the Plan, are reimbursed according to the methodology in the above paragraph.