

**State of Mississippi**

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

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The Division of Medicaid will provide supplemental payments for private and public emergency ambulance providers. The annual payment period is each state fiscal year, from July 1 through June 30. Provider eligibility will be determined annually for each state fiscal year as of July 1. Eligible emergency ambulance service providers must be enrolled as a Mississippi Medicaid provider and licensed in Mississippi as a 911 ground ambulance provider as of July 1. Ambulance providers must also be an eligible 911 ground ambulance provider enrolled with the Mississippi Division of Medicaid at the time of payment.

An average commercial rate (ACR) is the calculated average of at least three, and no more than five, commercial payer rates for specific Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) emergency transport service codes. Commercial payer rates will be collected from providers via a survey tool. The submitted survey data will be used to determine the ACRs for each provider. A statewide average ACR will be used when any provider-specific ACR is not available.

The access payments will be calculated on an annual basis and will not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the difference between Medicaid payments otherwise made to each emergency ambulance provider for the applicable HCPCS transport codes and the average amount the emergency ambulance provider would have received from commercial insurers for those services. Annual access payments shall be made no less frequently than on a quarterly basis.

Financial surveys will be collected every two years. Payments for each annual payment period will be based on Medicaid claims volume and payments for the second preceding calendar year.

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