

Provider Tips

Ambulance Fee Schedule

After recent inquiries from Arizona ambulance providers regarding the frequency of Ambulance Fee Schedule updates, Care1st reached out to AHCCCS. Here's what we learned:

1. As an AHCCCS contractor, Care1st should be following the AHCCCS timetable for making updates to Ambulance Fee Schedules
2. AHCCCS is required to make updates on the timetable outlined in ARS 36-2239(H) located here: <http://www.azleg.gov/ars/36/02239.htm>

Per section H of ARS 36-2239(H): For each contract year, the Arizona health care cost containment system administration and its contractors and subcontractors shall provide remuneration for ambulance services for persons who are enrolled in or covered by the Arizona health care cost containment system in an amount equal to 68.59 percent of the amounts as prescribed by the department as of July 1 of each year for services specified in subsections F and G of this section and 68.59 percent of the mileage charges as determined by the department as of July 1 of each year pursuant to section 36-2232. The Arizona health care cost containment system administration shall make annual adjustments to the Arizona health care cost containment system fee schedule according to the department's approved ambulance service rate in effect as of July 1 of each year. The rate adjustments made pursuant to this subsection are effective beginning October 1 of each year.

In summary, The Department of Health Services (DHS) rates in effect by July 1 are used by AHCCCS to set annual fee schedule rates effective October 1. That is, DHS rate in effect on July 1 for Ambulance Company A is the rate AHCCCS uses for Ambulance Company A's October 1 AHCCCS rate.

3. AHCCCS outlines the timing of Ambulance Fee Schedule updates and provides a link to the fee schedule past and present on the following page on the AHCCCS website:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/RatesAndBilling/FFS/transportationrates.html>

There is a statement on the page stating "Per Arizona Revised Statutes § 36-2239(H), ground ambulance companies with rates regulated and set by the Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (ADHS/BEMS) are reimbursed at a percentage of the ADHS/BEMS determined rate. The percentage applied for dates of service 10/01/2016 thru 09/30/2017 is 68.59% of the ADHS/BEMS rates in effect on 07/01/2016."

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- Ground Ambulance Rates for ADHS/BEMS Regulated Providers, effective October 1, 2016
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- Ground Ambulance Rates for ADHS/BEMS Regulated Providers, effective October 1, 2013
- Historical Transportation, CON Providers Rates

The appearance on this website of a code and rate is not an indication of coverage, nor a guarantee of payment. AHCCCS covered procedures can be viewed in the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual/ASPM. AHCCCS covered services can differ based upon enrollment.