

State of Mississippi

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

24a. Transportation

Emergency Ground Ambulance

The Division of Medicaid reimburses emergency ground ambulance services, including mileage beginning with the twenty-sixth (26th) mile, the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or a fee from a Mississippi 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. Effective February 1, 2023, the first twenty-five (25) miles are reimbursed \$.01 per mile. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. All rates are published at www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#.

Emergency Air Ambulance

The Division of Medicaid reimburses the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or a fee from a Mississippi statewide uniform fee schedule updated July 1, 2020 and effective for the services listed below provided on or after July 1, 2020 and is calculated as seventy percent (70%) of the Medicare ambulance fee schedule in effect as of January 1, 2020. 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/#.

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.