



The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services

Division of Health Care Services

Rates Effective with Dates of Service November 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012

"Emergency Ground Ambulance Rates" (Fee for Service)

CPT/HCPCS Codes

**Advance Life Support (A0427) with Mileage (A0425),
Basic Life Support (A0429) with Mileage (A0425),
Advance Life Support Level (A0433) with Mileage (A0425)**

For Billing Instructions and addresses for mailing manual claims please see DMAS Transportation Manual, Chapter V, titled: "Billing Instructions".

<https://www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/wps/portal/ProviderManual>

Emergency and Non-Emergency Ambulance Transports for Managed Care Organizations

Many Medicaid members are enrolled with one of the Department's contracted Managed Care Organizations (MCO). In order to be reimbursed for services provided to an MCO enrolled individual, providers must follow their respective contract with the MCO. The MCO may utilize different prior authorization, billing, and reimbursement guidelines than those described for Medicaid fee-for-service individuals. For more information, please contact the MCO directly. Additional information about the Medicaid MCO program can be found at:

<http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/mc-medallionII.htm>.

Instructions for Calculating Payments for VA Medicaid Fee for Service Emergency Ground Ambulance Claims

Advance Life Support (A0427) with Mileage (A0425), Basic Life Support (A0429) with Mileage (A0425), Advance Life Support Level (A0433) with Mileage (A0425)

Calculating Emergency Ground Ambulance rates:

1. Emergency Ground Ambulance Transport claims will be paid using State Plan rates.
2. Claims will be paid using the following methodology:
 - a. Emergency Ground Ambulance Transports 1 – 5 miles can be calculated using the sliding scale for service and \$2.50 for each loaded mile. Payment will not exceed \$75.00. See page 4 for sliding scale and fee schedule.

Example: Transport was 3 loaded miles

Service "1" unit	= \$67.50
3 loaded miles x \$2.50	= <u>\$ 7.50</u>
Total payment	= \$75.00

- b. Emergency Ground Ambulance Transports 6 -10 loaded miles can be calculated using the sliding scale for service and \$2.50 for each loaded mile. Payment will not exceed \$150.00. See page 4 for sliding scaled and fee schedule.

Example: Transport was 7 loaded miles:

Service "1" unit	= \$132.50
7 loaded miles x \$2.50	= <u>\$ 17.50</u>
Total payment	= \$150.00

- c. Emergency Ground Ambulance Transports 11 loaded miles and over can be calculated by adding service rate of \$125.00 plus \$2.50 for each loaded mile.

Example: Transport was for 83 miles.

Service "1" unit	= \$125.00
83 miles x \$2.50	= <u>\$207.50</u>
Total payment	= \$332.50

Note: Claims beginning with dates of service November 1, 2009 and forward will no longer require Pre-hospital Patient Care Report (PPCR) be attached to submitted claims. However, all Emergency Ground Ambulance claims are subject to a post claim review and/or audit. DMAS will contact provider with a list of claims to be reviewed and/or audited. Upon request by DMAS, providers are required to submit supporting documentation to establish medical necessity for Emergency Ground Ambulance transport.

Trips over 200 miles and Multiple Emergency Same Day Transports

1. All Emergency Ground claims 200 miles and over need to be reviewed and approved by DMAS Transportation Unit. Please mail claim and attachments to address below.
2. Providers that transport recipients two or three times by emergency ground ambulance on the same day service. Please write a brief letter explaining this is the second or third emergency transport on the same day service, staple letter on top of claim with attachments then mail to:

**DMAS
Attn: Transportation Unit
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
Richmond, VA 23219**

Non- Emergency Ambulance Services

The following NON-EMERGENCY Medicaid Transportation CPT/HCPCS codes are to be preauthorized and billed to the Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Broker. Please contact broker for billing instructions (866) 386-8331.

A0426	Non-Emergency Advanced Life Support Ambulance – These transports need to be preauthorized and billed to the Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Broker (866) 386-8331.
A0428	Non-Emergency Basic Life Support Ambulance – These transports need to be preauthorized and billed to the Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Broker (866) 386-8331.
A0434	Specialty Transport – These transports need to be preauthorized and billed to the Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Broker (866) 386-8331.

Crossover Claims For Emergency and Non-Emergency Ambulance Services

Medicaid reimburses providers for the coinsurance and deductible amounts on Medicare claims for Medicaid recipients who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. However, the amount paid by Medicaid in combination with the Medicare payment will not exceed the amount Medicaid would pay for the service if it were billed solely to Medicaid. DMAS is responsible for calculation and payment for all Fee For Service Medicaid/Medicare Crossover payments for Emergency and Non-Emergency Transportation Services. State Plan DMAS rates can be found at: http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/pr-fee_files.htm

If provider Medicare crossover claims are not forwarded to DMAS electronically. Please follow billing instructions filing DMAS form 30r. DMAS form 30r billing instructions can be found in the DMAS Transportation Manual, Chapter V, Titled “Billing Instructions”. <https://www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/wps/portal/ProviderManual> If a primary carrier payment amount applies, this payment will be subtracted from the calculated DMAS payment. DMAS payment in combination with primary carrier payment will not exceed DMAS State Plan rates.

DMAS Emergency Ground Ambulance Rate Table

CPT/HCPCS Codes A0427, A0429, A0433 with A0425

Rates with a date of service of November 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012

CPT/HCPCS Codes				CPT/HCPCS Codes			
Miles	Service CPT	A0425	Total	Miles	Service CPT	A0425	Total
1	\$ 72.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 75.00	46	\$ 125.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 240.00
2	\$ 70.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 75.00	47	\$ 125.00	\$ 117.50	\$ 242.50
3	\$ 67.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 75.00	48	\$ 125.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 245.00
4	\$ 65.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 75.00	49	\$ 125.00	\$ 122.50	\$ 247.50
5	\$ 62.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 75.00	50	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00
6	\$ 135.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 150.00	51	\$ 125.00	\$ 127.50	\$ 252.50
7	\$ 132.50	\$ 17.50	\$ 150.00	52	\$ 125.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 255.00
8	\$ 130.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 150.00	53	\$ 125.00	\$ 132.50	\$ 257.50
9	\$ 127.50	\$ 22.50	\$ 150.00	54	\$ 125.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 260.00
10	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00	55	\$ 125.00	\$ 137.50	\$ 262.50
11	\$ 125.00	\$ 27.50	\$ 152.50	56	\$ 125.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 265.00
12	\$ 125.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 155.00	57	\$ 125.00	\$ 142.50	\$ 267.50
13	\$ 125.00	\$ 32.50	\$ 157.50	58	\$ 125.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 270.00
14	\$ 125.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 160.00	59	\$ 125.00	\$ 147.50	\$ 272.50
15	\$ 125.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 162.50	60	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 275.00
16	\$ 125.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 165.00	61	\$ 125.00	\$ 152.50	\$ 277.50
17	\$ 125.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 167.50	62	\$ 125.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 280.00
18	\$ 125.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 170.00	63	\$ 125.00	\$ 157.50	\$ 282.50
19	\$ 125.00	\$ 47.50	\$ 172.50	64	\$ 125.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 285.00
20	\$ 125.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 175.00	65	\$ 125.00	\$ 162.50	\$ 287.50
21	\$ 125.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 177.50	66	\$ 125.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 290.00
22	\$ 125.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 180.00	67	\$ 125.00	\$ 167.50	\$ 292.50
23	\$ 125.00	\$ 57.50	\$ 182.50	68	\$ 125.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 295.00
24	\$ 125.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 185.00	69	\$ 125.00	\$ 172.50	\$ 297.50
25	\$ 125.00	\$ 62.50	\$ 187.50	70	\$ 125.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 300.00
26	\$ 125.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 190.00	71	\$ 125.00	\$ 177.50	\$ 302.50
27	\$ 125.00	\$ 67.50	\$ 192.50	72	\$ 125.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 305.00
28	\$ 125.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 195.00	73	\$ 125.00	\$ 182.50	\$ 307.50
29	\$ 125.00	\$ 72.50	\$ 197.50	74	\$ 125.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 310.00
30	\$ 125.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 200.00	75	\$ 125.00	\$ 187.50	\$ 312.50
31	\$ 125.00	\$ 77.50	\$ 202.50	76	\$ 125.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 315.00
32	\$ 125.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 205.00	77	\$ 125.00	\$ 192.50	\$ 317.50
33	\$ 125.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 207.50	78	\$ 125.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 320.00
34	\$ 125.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 210.00	79	\$ 125.00	\$ 197.50	\$ 322.50
35	\$ 125.00	\$ 87.50	\$ 212.50	80	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 325.00
36	\$ 125.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 215.00	81	\$ 125.00	\$ 202.50	\$ 327.50
37	\$ 125.00	\$ 92.50	\$ 217.50	82	\$ 125.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 330.00
38	\$ 125.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 220.00	83	\$ 125.00	\$ 207.50	\$ 332.50
39	\$ 125.00	\$ 97.50	\$ 222.50	84	\$ 125.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 335.00
40	\$ 125.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00	85	\$ 125.00	\$ 212.50	\$ 337.50
41	\$ 125.00	\$ 102.50	\$ 227.50	86	\$ 125.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 340.00
42	\$ 125.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 230.00	87	\$ 125.00	\$ 217.50	\$ 342.50
43	\$ 125.00	\$ 107.50	\$ 232.50	88	\$ 125.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 345.00
44	\$ 125.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 235.00	89	\$ 125.00	\$ 222.50	\$ 347.50
45	\$ 125.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 237.50		etc....	etc....	

Transports 90 Miles and over are paid \$125.00 for service and \$2.50 per loaded mile.