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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Ambulance Providers

From: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: Ambulance Coverage and Reimbursement Updates

In conjunction with feedback from the South Dakota Department of Health's EMS Sustainability Workgroup, South Dakota Medicaid is implementing several ground ambulance coverage and reimbursement updates effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2024.

Increased Base Fee Rates and Additional Coverage

Base fee rates are being updated to the amounts below and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Level 2 services and Specialty Care Transport services will be added as covered services.

Code	Description	Current Rate	December 1, 2024 Rate
A0426	Non-emergent ground ambulance base fee, ALS	\$207.42	\$303.07
A0427	Emergent ground ambulance base fee, including one attendant, ALS	\$307.96	\$479.85
A0428	Non-emergent ground ambulance base fee, BLS	\$168.18	\$252.55
A0429	Emergent ground ambulance base fee, including one attendant, BLS	\$259.73	\$404.08
A0433	Advanced life support, level 2 (ALS 2)	N/A	\$694.52
A0434	Specialty care transport (SCT)	N/A	\$820.79

Discontinued Services

Coverage for the following codes are being discontinued for dates of service of December 1, 2024 or later as these services are now being included in the base fees.

- A0384 - BLS Defibrillation Supplies
- A0392 - ALS Defibrillation Supplies
- A0394 - ALS IV Drug Therapy Supplies
- A0396 - ALS Esophageal Intubation Supplies
- A0422 - Ambulance Oxygen and Oxygen Supplies, Life Sustaining Situation
- A0424 - Extra Ambulance Attendant

Providers should only bill for the codes above for dates of service prior to December 1, 2024.

The updated Medicaid [Ground Ambulance Provider Manual](#) and [Fee Schedule](#) are available on South Dakota Medicaid's website.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid

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