



L.A. Care
HEALTH PLAN

For All of L.A.

VIA EMAIL

March 15, 2024

RE: Encounter Submissions for Medi-Cal Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Services

Dear Dual Risk Hospital Partner,

As you are aware, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) established the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) program pursuant to the Legislature’s 2017 addition of Article 3.91 (Medi-Cal Emergency Medical Transportation Reimbursement Act) to the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). On September 06, 2019, DHCS obtained federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-0020, with an effective date of July 01, 2019. SPA 19-0020 continues the GEMT QAF program and a reimbursement add-on amount for GEMT services provided by emergency medical transport providers to Managed Care Plan Members beginning on July 01, 2019.

As a result, the following services qualify for the enhanced reimbursement on or after January 01, 2023 dependent on the GEMT providers designation as a “private” or “public” GEMT provider: A0429 (BLS Emergency), A0427 (ALS Emergency), A0433 (ALS2), A0434 (Specialty Care), A0225 (Neonatal Emergency).

Service/CPT Code	Description	Base Rate	Add-On Amount (Private GEMT)	Add-On Amount (Public GEMT)
A0429	Basic Life Support, Emergency	\$ 118.20	\$ 220.80	\$ 946.92
A0427	Advanced Life Support, Level 1, Emergency	\$ 118.20	\$ 220.80	\$ 946.92
A0433	Advanced Life Support, Level 2	\$ 118.20	\$ 220.80	\$ 946.92
A0434	Specialty Care Transport	\$ 118.20	\$ 220.80	\$ 946.92
A0225	Neonatal Emergency Transport	\$ 179.92	\$ 220.80	\$ 946.92

To ensure the appropriate and timely handling and remittance of the QAF to the GEMT providers, it is imperative all GEMT related encounters are submitted correctly and as quickly as possible by our Dual Risk Hospital Partners.

Please submit any questions regarding this communication to your assigned Account Manager.

Sincerely,

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