
G. Emergency Room Services

1. Effective for services provided on and after September 1, 2002, the Department will reimburse for emergency room services at a flat rate per visit based upon the level of service provided. In addition, diagnostic and radiological procedures will be paid at specific rates.
2. There shall be rates for three (3) levels of service and an assessment fee:
 - Level I shall be those services billed using CPT codes 99281 and 99282, reimbursed at \$82.00.
 - Level II shall be those services billed using CPT codes 99283 and 99284, reimbursed at \$164.00.
 - Level III shall be those services billed using CPT codes 99285, reimbursed at \$264.00
 - An assessment, or triage, shall be payable at \$20.00

Included in the flat rate are pharmacy (except for thrombolytic agents), medical supplies, radiology (except as described in 4 below), laboratory, physical and respiratory therapy, electrocardiogram, and electroencephalogram.

3. The flat rates per visit were calculated in accordance with the following:

The Level II rate was calculated by multiplying the average costs for Level II services in state fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (adjusted by the moving average of Data Resources, Inc. for the Hospital Market Basket) by .75.

The Level I rate is established at 50% of the Level II rate.

The Level III rate is established at \$100 higher than the Level II rate.

4. Separate rates were established for the following:

The rates for treatment procedures including cardiac catheterization and lithotripsy are calculated at 150% of the average adjusted costs for the procedure in state fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

The rates for diagnostic procedures including CT scans, ultra sounds, and magnetic reasoning imaging are calculated at 100% of the average adjusted costs for the procedure in state fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

The rate for observation are calculated at 100% of the average adjusted costs for state fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

5. Thrombolytic agents shall be reimbursed at acquisition costs.