

EMS TAC

July 27th, 2026, 2:00-4:00PM EST

1. Welcome
2. Establish Quorum
3. Approve Minutes from July 2026 Mtg
4. Old Business
 - a. PCS Form acceptance – Did MCO's meet about possibly accepting various PCS forms so long as the key data points are completed?
 - b. Clarity between the definition of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation provider and an EMS Provider (reimbursement)
 - i. Ambulance reimbursement for ambulances is available in two clicks on Internet. Essentially \$55.00 and \$2.00 per loaded mile.
 - ii. Impossible to determine how much a wheelchair van gets reimbursed since it's a decision of a "transport broker". From examples online, wheelchair vans get reimbursed higher due to capitated payment structure than ambulances due to using the HCPCS codes. "Based on a scenario of a wheelchair van transport in Jefferson County, KY going 10 miles. According to "Dream Care Rides", the base rate is \$55.00 to \$100.00 per one-way hookup and \$2.50 to \$5.00 per loaded mile. Wheelchair vans cost about \$60,000 new and one person operates it. Ambulances run between \$250,000 - \$400,000 each and must have a minimum of two medically certified/licensed providers on board.

KY MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION FEE SCHEDULE 2026 Effective 1/1/2026 Revised 1.9.2026		
Notes:		
• This fee schedule is effective as of January 1, 2026.		
• Red or asterisk (*) indicates new codes or changes for the most current revision date.		
• Codes highlighted in Blue or double asterisk (**) are termed codes and remain on the fee schedule for 1 year after termination.		
• It is the responsibility of the provider to check member eligibility.		
• Billing Instructions: Provider Billing Instructions		
• The appearance on this website of a code and rate is not an indication of coverage, nor a guarantee of payment.		
A0431	\$3,500 MAXIMUM, INCLUSIVE OF MILEAGE	AMBULANCE SERVICE, CONVENTIONAL AIR SERVICES, TRANSPORT, ONE WAY (ROTARY WING)
A0998	\$82.50 Effective 1/1/2024	AMBULANCE RESPONSE AND TREATMENT, NO TRANSPORT
Provider Type 56 Specialty 16 Only	Reimbursement Rate & Destination in parenthesis	Definition
A0428	\$55.00	NON-EMERGENCY STRETCHER BASE RATE
A0428 GM	\$10.00	NON-EMERGENCY STRETCHER ADDITIONAL PATIENT
A0425	\$2.00	NON-EMERGENCY STRETCHER MILEAGE
A0422	\$10.00	AMBULANCE (ALS OR BLS) OXYGEN AND OXYGEN SUPPLIES, LIFE SUSTAINING SITUATION

AO428 – Ambulance Service, Basic Life Support, Non-Emergency

AO425 – Ground mileage, per statute mile for ambulance and medical transport services

No codes for ALS non-emergency patient movement

907 KAR 1:061 Payments for ambulance transportation makes statement such as: (d) For BLS emergency ambulance transportation to the emergency room of a hospital during which the services of an ALS Medical First Response provider are required to stabilize the recipient: This is an ALS Non-Emergency transport and should be reimbursed as AO426 – Advanced Life Support, non-emergency transport (ALS 1).

- iii. There are also now Stretcher van transportation companies in Kentucky that are NOT reimbursed by Medicaid, but charge hospitals and patients directly for stretcher transportation. There are absolutely NO regulations in place in Kentucky regarding stretcher vans. Anyone including convicted felons can buy a mini-van, buy a 30-year-old surplus stretcher and offer stretcher van transport with no safety inspections, no background checks for staff and most importantly not subject to any form of inspection or survey. Referring to EMS as “Non-Emergency Stretchers” could easily be confused with these rouge providers.
 - iv. The EMS Medicaid TAC requests assistance from all members of the TAC to assist educating KY Legislators during the next session so they understand the disparity between ambulance utilization and wheelchair van utilization and the reimbursement inequity between the two classes of approved transportation. Also, to notify the legislature of these “stretcher van companies” that operate with no oversight.
- c. EMS leadership has been promoting the Gainwell Technology class on October 22 at 2 pm. If anyone wants to sit in on the education, registration is required through DMS webpage, and you must include who your employer is with NPI number. You may also request as many computer connections needed for staff to view the class as well.

5. New Business

- a. A new provision to EMS regulations will allow EMS agencies in Kentucky to contract with hospital facilities in their CON geographic area to ensure an ambulance is available for hospital transports. The regulation recommends contracting between the hospital and EMS and for the hospital to cover charges for the ambulance due to assigning an ambulance for hospital use only.
- b. Need to set meeting calendar for CY 2027 for TAC committee. (2PM – 4PM EST)

Monday, January 25, 2027

Monday, April 26, 2027

Monday, July 26, 2027

Monday, October 25, 2027

- c. CMS Core Measures – Danielle Davis

6. General Discussion

7. Recommendations

8. Next Meeting ??? 2:00-4:00PM EST

9. Adjourn