



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



37.86.2605 AMBULANCE SERVICES, REIMBURSEMENT

- (1) Except as provided in (4), the department pays the lowest of the following for ambulance services:
 - (a) the provider's usual and customary charge for the service; or
 - (b) the amount listed in the department's Ambulance Fee Schedule.
- (2) The department adopts and incorporates by reference the Montana Medicaid Fee Schedule, Ambulance as provided in ARM 37.85.105(3) and ARM 37.85.105(2) for drugs.
- (3) For items and services for which no fee has been set in the department's fee schedule referred to in (2), reimbursement will be set by the following method:
 - (a) if Medicare sets a fee, the Medicare fees are applicable as the Medicaid fee; or
 - (b) if Medicare does not set a fee, the Medicaid fees are set by evaluating the fees of services similar in scope to the new code.
- (4) For supplies or equipment, where there is no Medicare or Medicaid set fee, the provider's usual and customary charge in (1)(a) will be considered reasonable if set at 75% of the manufacturer's suggested retail price. For items without a manufacturer's suggested retail price, the charge will be considered reasonable if the provider's acquisition cost from the manufacturer is at least 50% of the charge amount.
- (5) The department may reimburse providers for ambulance services to transport patients to and from out-of-state facilities at negotiated fees where the department or its designee in its discretion determines that the in-state reimbursement rates are inadequate to assure that the person will receive medically necessary services.

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Implementing statute(s): 53-6-101, 53-6-113, MCA

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AMD, 2001 MAR p. 1183, Eff. 7/6/01; AMD, 2001 MAR p. 1476, Eff. 8/10/01; AMD, 2001 MAR p. 2156, Eff. 10/26/01; EMERG, AMD, 2002 MAR p. 2665, Eff. 9/27/02; AMD, 2003 MAR p. 1314, Eff. 7/1/03; AMD, 2003 MAR p. 1652, Eff. 8/1/03; AMD, 2006 MAR p. 1894, Eff. 7/28/06; AMD, 2007 MAR p. 1824, Eff. 11/9/07; AMD, 2008 MAR p. 1156, Eff. 7/1/08; AMD, 2009 MAR p. 145, Eff. 2/13/09; AMD, 2009 MAR p. 2029, Eff. 10/30/09; AMD, 2010 MAR p. 1533, Eff. 7/1/10; AMD, 2011 MAR p. 1384, Eff. 7/29/11; AMD, 2013 MAR p. 1111, Eff. 7/1/13; AMD, 2014 MAR p. 1405, 7/1/14; AMD, 2017 MAR p. 2287, Eff. 1/1/18; AMD, 2018 MAR p. 2057, Eff. 10/20/18.