

**Reminder Notice**  
November 19, 2021  
**Action Required by December 10, 2021**

Documents are required from all ground ambulance providers for the Ground Ambulance Assessment and Payment Program.

Dear Ground Ambulance Provider,

State law requires the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) to establish an ambulance supplemental payment program and an associated funding fee. All ground ambulance providers are required to participate. Information collected from providers for this project will be used to design and develop the program. DCH has issued several requests for information to providers to obtain data; however, survey response rates are low. Transport data collected by the Department of Public Health may be used instead, but the results may not be favorable to all providers. Therefore, it is imperative that all ground ambulance providers submit the requested information.

A key feature of Georgia's program is the statutory requirement to use all fees to fund supplemental Medicaid ambulance payments. This ensures that all fees are channeled back to private Georgia ambulance providers. By leveraging Medicaid federal match funding, additional funds become available for providers. Another key feature of this program is that Medicaid payment levels, with claims payments and supplemental payments combined, will be similar to those of commercial payers. The program will use commercial payer rate data from providers to calculate the supplemental payments needed to raise payment to these levels. Furthermore, a safety-net feature for providers is the legislative requirement that June 30, 2021 Medicaid claims payment levels be maintained or increased but not decreased. This ensures that the ambulance provider fee is used to supplement, not supplant, current funding levels. Other states, such as Kentucky, have successfully implemented a similar program for ambulance providers.

**Information is required from all ground ambulance providers, regardless of ownership status and Medicaid participation status.** The required provider data must be submitted by all ground ambulance providers on the Financial Survey template. The extended due date for submission of the required forms is December 10, 2021. Forms must be submitted through the FTP site; access is available by request through [GeorgiaAmbulance@mslc.com](mailto:GeorgiaAmbulance@mslc.com).

The required forms and program information are on the following DCH website link: <https://dch.georgia.gov/ground-ambulance-upl>, in the section labeled "Privately Owned". Training slides and a training video describe the program and explain the forms. Additional reference materials, including a frequently asked questions document, are also posted.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Kim Morris, Director of Reimbursement, via email at [Kim.Morris@dch.ga.gov](mailto:Kim.Morris@dch.ga.gov) or Angelica Clark, Senior Manager, via email at [ACClark@dch.ga.gov](mailto:ACClark@dch.ga.gov). If you have any questions about the financial survey, please contact Myers and Stauffer at [GeorgiaAmbulance@mslc.com](mailto:GeorgiaAmbulance@mslc.com).