

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

Private 911 Ground Ambulance Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Program

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) acceptance, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to establish a new upper payment limit (UPL) program for private ground ambulance providers that provide 911 emergency transport services to Medicaid fee-for-service beneficiaries.

The private 911 ground ambulance UPL will be funded by a mandatory ambulance provider fee assessed on private 911 ground ambulance providers. The ambulance provider fee will only be used for the specific purpose of private 911 ground ambulance UPL, and the amount of the assessed fee shall not exceed the amount necessary to obtain federal financial participation.

Ambulance provider fee will be assessed on total 911 emergency transports for the following procedure codes: A0425, A0427, A0429, A0433, A0434.

The private ambulance UPL will be paid annually to eligible private 911 ground ambulance providers.

Below is a list of the eligible private 911 ground ambulance providers. The list of eligible providers is subject to change during this program.

	State Funding (Provider Fee)	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 23	\$8,769,315	\$19,821,305	\$28,590,620

Private 911 Ground Ambulance Providers	Upper Payment Limit
AdventHealth Gordon EMS	\$ 129,942
AdventHealth Murray EMS	\$ 166,649
AdventHealth Redmond	\$ 800,414
Ambucare, LLC	\$ 254,499
American Medical Response Stone Mountain	\$3,807,629
American Medical Response Roswell	\$ 641,116
American Medical Response LaGrange	\$ 203,772
AmeriPro EMS	\$ 244,428
Central Emergency Medical Services	\$2,619,263
Chatham EMS	\$3,048,377
CHI Memorial Hospital EMS	\$ -
Community Ambulance (MGAS Holdings LLC)	\$3,389,230
EMS Care Ambulance	\$ 771,767
Excelsior Ambulance Service	\$ 55,663
Gold Cross EMS	\$1,603,814
Gold Star EMS, LLC	\$ 285,463

Hamilton Emergency Medical Services	\$ 399,562
Heartland EMS - Bleckley	\$ 11,551
Heartland EMS - Bleckley Transfer	\$ 55,307
Heartland EMS - Dublin	\$ 20,942
Heartland EMS - Pulaski	\$ 38,573
Heartland EMS - St Marys	\$ 27,836
Heartland EMS - Waycross	\$ 24,429
Heartland EMS - Wilkinson	\$ 30,661
Heartland EMS, Inc.	\$ 43,776
Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service	\$4,132,815
National EMS, Inc	\$3,489,943
Northeast Georgia Physician's Group, Inc. Medical Transport	\$ 55,993
Puckett Emergency Medical Services	\$ 866,870
WellStar Spalding EMS	\$1,259,827
West Georgia Ambulance, Inc	\$ 173,508

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **July 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479 at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **July 14, 2022** to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **August 11, 2022** Board meeting. The Board will

vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE 2022
Caylee Noggle, Commissioner