

## **Ambulance Provider Billing in NCTracks**

This fact sheet is intended to help Ambulance providers bill for services rendered to Medicaid recipients.

- Institution based ambulance providers should file claims on an institutional claim form (UB04)
- Independent/private ambulance providers should file claims on a professional claim form (CMS 1500)

#### **TAXONOMY CODES**

3416A0800X – Air Transport 3416L0300X – Land Transport 3416S0300X – Water Transport

#### **BILL TYPE**

On UB04 Bill Type is 131 for original claim, 138 for void claim or 137 for a replacement claim. On Provider Portal, choose 13 for Facility Type Code and choose 1 for Frequency Code for original, Frequency Code 8 for void or Frequency Code 7 for replacement.

#### **REVENUE CODES**

RC540 Ambulance general classification

#### **HCPCS CODES**

A0425 Ground Mileage, Per Statute

A0426 Ambulance Service, Advanced Life Support, Non-Emergency Transport, Level 1 (ALS 1) \*

A0427 Ambulance Service, Advanced Life Support, Emergency Transport, Level 1 (ALS 1 Emerg)

A0428 Ambulance Service, Basic Life Support, Non-Emergency Transport (BLS) \*

A0429 Ambulance Service, Basic Life Support, Emergency Transport, (BLS - Emerg)

A0430 Ambulance Service, Conventional Air Service, One Way Transport (Fixed Wing)

A0431 Ambulance Service, Conventional Air Service, One Way Transport (Rotary Wing)

A0433 Advanced Service, Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS 2)

A0435 Fixed Wing Air Mileage per Statute Mile

A0436 Rotary Wing Air Mileage per Statute Mile

T2003 Non-emergency Transport, Encounter/Trip (Round Trip)

#### **CONDITION CODES**

When billing for Ambulance Services, providers should enter appropriate condition code when the situation is applicable. Condition codes are not required on every ambulance claim.

AK - Air ambulance required – time needed to transport poses a threat

AL - Specialized treatment / bed unavailable – use if recipient is taken to a hospital other than the nearest due to treatment unavailable or beds unavailable.

 ${\sf AM}$  - Non-emergency medically necessary stretcher transport – when recipient is bed-confined and condition is such that a stretcher is the only safe mode of transportation



# **Fact Sheet**

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Ambulance providers are required to submit claims with origin destination modifiers.
- Prior Approval is only required for out of state providers.
- Mileage billed only outside provider's county line
- If recipient has 2 trips in one day provider should submit claim with trip ticket and medical records indicating 2 separate transports took place on the same date.
- If more than one provider transports in a single day 2<sup>nd</sup> claim received will deny as a duplicate of the 1st claim and provider should then resubmit denied claim with trip ticket and medical records.
- Providers are encouraged to attach records to electronic claim.

### **Origin/Destination Modifiers**

Origin/Destination Code	Description
D	Diagnostic or therapeutic site other than P or H when these are used as origin codes
Е	Residential, domiciliary, custodial facility (other than 1819 facility)
G	Hospital-based End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) facility
Н	Hospital
	Site of transfer (e.g., airport or helicopter pad) between modes of ambulance transport
J	Freestanding ESRD facility
N	Skilled nursing facility
Р	Physician's office
R	Residence
S	Scene of accident or acute event
X	Intermediate stop at physician's office on way to hospital (destination code only)

For more information, please see the Ambulance policy on the NCDHHS DHB website at NC DMA: Title of Policy, Clinical Coverage Policy No. (ncdhhs.gov)

For information on submitting an Ambulance claim via the <u>NCTracks Provider Portal</u>, refer to the **Job Aid**- **Submit an Ambulance Claim**, located in Skillport, the Learning Management System for NCTracks.