

February 23, 2023

Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transport Program

Dear provider,

Effective 1/1/2023, the Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transport (PP-GEMT) Program increased reimbursements for public providers of ground emergency medical transportation who are not contracted with the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM).

Learn more about the program here:

www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PPGEMTIGT.aspx

After 1/1/2023, public providers will be transitioned out of the GEMT Quality Assessment Fee (QAF) Program prospectively and will not be eligible to receive the reimbursement add-on. The Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) must reimburse eligible non-contracted public providers of GEMT services at the fee-for-service rate, including the add-on increase.

Private transport providers will continue to receive add-on payments through the GEMT Quality Assessment Fee (QAF) program.

Who is eligible? Providers are eligible to participate in the PP-GEMT program with HPSM if they meet all of the following criteria:

1. Provide GEMT services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries assigned to HPSM.
2. Are enrolled as a Medi-Cal provider for the period being claimed.
3. Are owned or operated by the state, a city, county, city and county, fire protection, special district, community services district, health care district, or a federally recognized Indian tribe.
4. Are reimbursed by HPSM for the claim, including Medicare crossovers.

How do I know if HPSM has acknowledged my eligibility for PP-GEMT? If you are on the attached DHCS list of eligible providers, HPSM will account for the add-on automatically. We

may also contact you directly to provide your status if your status is unknown. If you do not receive the correct add on amount by March 31, 2023, please contact HPSM directly.

What CPT codes are impacted by this change? The PP-GEMT program will provide an add-on increase to the Medi-Cal fee-for-service rate when billed with the following codes:

Procedure Code	Code Description
A0225	NEONATAL EMERGENCY TRANSPORT
A0427	ALS1-EMERGENCY
A0429	BLS-EMERGENCY
A0433	ALS 2
A0434	SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT

How will the add-on get paid? HPSM will continue to reimburse the add-on directed payment monthly separated from the base payment. We are expecting the first round of add-ons to be distributed in March.

Please direct questions to our Provider Services department at PSInquiries@hpsm.org.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our community,
HPSM Provider Services