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**Public notice**

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to increase fee-for-service rates for air ambulance services.

**Date:** April 11, 2024

**Contact:** Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

**Comments due:** 5 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2024

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to increase the fee-for-service rates for air ambulance services. The increase would:

- Set rates at 80 percent of Medicare rates.
- Pay different rates for urban and rural areas based on point of pick-up.
- Calculate urban and rural rates based on statewide average adjustments for the geographic regions of Portland and the rest of Oregon.
- Pay the mileage rate separately instead of bundled into the base rate.

Code	Description	Current statewide rate	Proposed rural rate	Proposed urban rate
A0430	Conventional air service (fixed-wing, one-way)	\$3,011.50	\$4,427.17	\$2,951.45
A0431	Conventional air service (rotary-wing, air transport)	\$3,011.50	\$5,147.27	\$3,431.51
A0435	Fixed-wing air mileage, per mile	None	\$12.60	\$8.40
A0436	Rotary-wing air mileage, per mile	None	\$33.59	\$22.39

The annual Total Fund estimate for this SPA is \$1,086,970.

**SPA language**

The next page shows edits to existing State Plan language in the proposed SPA. You can also view the full State Plan, approved SPAs and proposed SPAs on [the OHA website](#).

**How to comment:**

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2024, to [jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov).

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: OREGON

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

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Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers for #12.d through #24.a below. All rates are published on the agency's website and can be accessed at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Fee-Schedule.aspx>.

**12.d. Eyeglasses, contacts and hardware**

Payment for services is a state-wide fee schedule utilizing a contract with a federally qualified rehabilitation facility. The contract is effective for service on or after 10/1/11

**24.a. Transportation**

Payment for Emergency Transport and Non-emergency transports not provided/arranged by the brokerage system is a state-wide fee schedule.

Emergency Air Ambulance Services provided in a rotary-wing aircraft, including mileage, and Emergency and Urgent Air Ambulance Services provided in a fixed-wing aircraft, including mileage is reimbursed at 80% of current Medicare rate.

Other emergency, urgent ambulance services and those without a Medicare rate will be reimbursed based on State-developed fee schedule set as of 7/1/24.

~~Except as otherwise noted in the state plan, state developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of 4/1/23 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. State wide fee schedules are published on the agency web at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Fee-Schedule.aspx>~~

Client and necessary attendant reimbursement:

Mileage rate- 75% of IRS standard rate and is all-inclusive.

Meal rate- 50% of the IRS standard rate for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Lodging rate- 100% of the IRS standard rate

Volunteer drivers: Rides are reimbursed per standard GSA mileage rates for business miles driven.

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