

# GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program

*Supplemental payment program to eligible Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) providers for services to Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) members*

## Background

### What is this new program?

The GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program seeks to increase reimbursements to “government-owned” Emergency Medical Systems that provide GEMT services by maximizing the federal funding available.

### How was this supplemental payment program developed?

This program was introduced in state legislation (Oregon [House Bill 4030](#)) that passed in 2016. [House Bill 4030 \(2016 Regular Session\)](#) introduced this program. OHA then submitted Preprint documentation to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in accordance with [42 CFR §438.6\(c\)](#). OHA received approval from CMS on January 15, 2021. The program is approved for Basic & Advanced Emergency Medical Services provided to CCO members during calendar year 2021.

### What is the GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program effective date?

The program is effective January 1, 2021, and will extend through December 31, 2021. Annual Preprint submission to and approval by CMS is required for each subsequent calendar year.

## Eligible providers

### Are there requirements for a provider to be eligible for the program?

Yes. GEMT providers are eligible to receive qualified directed payments if they are described as part of the payment arrangement in HB 4030 (2016) and in Oregon Administrative Rule [410-136-3370 \(3\)](#) (General Requirements for GEMT).

### Does a GEMT provider need to have an agreement in place with OHA for transfer of funds?

Yes. There needs to be an agreement in place with OHA, such as inter-governmental transfer agreement (is allowed), for the transfer of funds from GEMT providers to OHA.

Additional requirements may apply to the timeliness of each provider’s payment of the non-federal share of the supplemental payment.

### Is a GEMT provider required to have a contract with a CCO for this program?

Yes. A contractual relationship with a CCO is needed effective January 1, 2021 and is a federal requirement for provider program participation. GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program participating providers will be required to provide attestation of the contract to OHA.

Providers must also be a “participating provider” as defined in [OAR 410-141-3500](#), and be contracted with a CCO.

**Is a GEMT provider required to be included in the CCO provider directories?**

No. Ambulance providers are not required to be in CCO provider directories.

## Reimbursement

**What services are the supplemental payments based on?**

Uniform supplemental payment will be based on services to CCO members, through use of approved MMIS procedure codes:

CODES	TITLE OF CODE
A0427	Advanced Life Support, Emergency, Level 1
A0429	Basic Life Support, Emergency

Based on the submitted encounter data, OHA will make supplemental payments to CCOs, who then pay eligible GEMT providers the supplemental payments.

**Are State Funds able to be used for this payment program?**

No. State funds are not available to this program and the non-federal share is to be contributed by participating GEMT providers. This is a condition of the enabling 2016 legislation HB 4030.

**Will this new program have the same payment model as the GEMT Fee-for-service (FFS) Supplemental Payment Program?**

No. The payment models are not the same. The GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program is an additional payment, separate from supplemental payment program for FFS.

**Will this new program have the same design and processes as the current GEMT FFS Supplemental Payment Program?**

No. The GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program is separate and being designed differently than the GEMT FFS supplemental payment program in accordance with the Preprint approval received from CMS.

**Will the uniform supplemental payment be to make a provider financially ‘whole’?**

No. Preprint approval refers to 42 CFR § 438.6(c). This is an additional payment which is separate from other reimbursement.

## Program reporting

**Are the supplemental payments processed through existing reporting for this program?**

Yes. The program supplemental payments are directed through managed care plans to maintain quality and access for Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT). The post-adjudicated CCO encounters with Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) providers will generate a Service-based payment (SBP) for CCO disbursement of the program’s supplemental payment amounts, which is combined to produce a SBP payment distribution report to assist the CCOs in transferring these payments to the appropriate providers.

## **What are the rate group codes that have been set-up in MMIS for this program?**

- Rate group code: GEMTA Rate group category: GEMTA Date effective: 1/1/21
- Rate group code: GEMTB Rate group category: GEMTB Date effective: 1/1/21

## **Provider contacts**

### **Whom should GEMT providers contact regarding contracting with CCOs?**

GEMT providers can reach out to a CCO Contract Administrator. OHA is available to assist if a GEMT provider needs to confirm contact information for a CCO Contract Administrator.

### **Is there a contact at OHA regarding this program?**

Please contact the OHA GEMT Supplemental Payment Program analysts through the program's email at: [GEMT.Program@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:GEMT.Program@dhsoha.state.or.us).

More information regarding the GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program can be found on the OHA GEMT Supplemental Payment Program's [Webpage](#).