

# GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program

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

## Frequently Asked Questions regarding the GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program

### **What is this program?**

The GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program exists within Health Systems Division's Medicaid Programs Unit of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and is approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In January 2021, Health Systems Division received CMS approval for the Preprint program description of a Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) CCO Supplemental Payment Program. This program seeks to increase reimbursements to "Government-owned" Ground Emergency Medical Systems providers 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.

OHA submitted Preprint documentation and negotiated with CMS for a program to supplement payment for services to CCO members in accordance with Section [42 C.F.R. § 438.6\(c\)](#). OHA received approval from CMS on January 15, 2021, for Basic & Advanced Emergency Medical Services provided to CCO members between January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Annual Preprint submission to and approval by CMS is required for each subsequent calendar year.

### **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 state legislation (Oregon House Bill 4030, 2016) and in Oregon Administrative Rule [410-136-3371 \(2\)](#).

### **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, 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 during the approved dates and is a federal requirement for program participation. Providers must also be a "participating provider" as defined in [OAR 410-141-3500](#).

GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program participating providers will be required to provide attestation of the contract to OHA.

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

Annual Preprint submission to and approval by CMS is required for each calendar year. The program was initially approved and made effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Subsequently, the program was approved and made effective for the 2022 calendar year. The program has also been approved and made effective for 2023 calendar year.

## **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:

<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLE OF CODE</b>
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. In accordance with the Preprint approval received from CMS, the GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program is separate than the GEMT FFS supplemental payment program.

## **Will the uniform supplemental payment be considered for reimbursement along with other reimbursement an eligible provider receives?**

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

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

GEMT providers can reach out to a CCO Contract Administrator. OHA is available to help 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](#).

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