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CLAIMS AND ENCOUNTERS

Claims Filing

Ambulance providers shall submit claims using the CMS 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (paper) or the 837P (electronic).

Ambulance providers shall submit claims for emergency ground ambulance and all air ambulance transportation to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) fiscal intermediary and non-emergency ground ambulance transportation to the transportation broker.

Claims shall be submitted within 365 days of the date of service.

Medicaid and Medicare Part B

Services for Medicare Part B beneficiaries should be billed to the Medicare carrier on the Medicare claim form. Medicare will make payment and cross the claim over to the fiscal intermediary for Title XIX payment.

Medicaid will not make payment on any claim denied by Medicare as not being medically necessary. Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) claims are included in this policy.

For trips that are not covered by Medicare but are covered by Medicaid, payment will not be made unless the claim is filed with the Medicare explanation of benefits (EOB) attached stating the reason for denial by Medicare.

For claims that fail to cross over electronically, a hard-copy claim may be filed up to six months after the date of the Medicare EOB, provided that the claim was filed with Medicare within a year of the date of service.

Medicaid does a cost comparison of cross-over claims to determine if Medicare paid more than Medicaid for the claim. If this occurs and Medicare has paid more than Medicaid reimburses for the service, the claim will be “zero” paid and the ambulance provider will be considered paid in full. No balance may be collected from the beneficiary.

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When billing for procedure codes A0425-A0429 and A0433-A0434 for ambulance transportation services, the provider must also enter a valid 2-digit modifier at the end of the associated 5-digit procedure code. Different modifiers may be used for the same procedure code. **Spaces will not be recognized as a valid modifier for those procedures requiring a modifier.**

The following table identifies the valid modifiers.

Modifier	Description
DD	Trip from DX/Therapeutic Site to another DX/Therapeutic Site
DE	Trip from DX/Therapeutic Site to Residential, Domiciliary, Custodial Facility
DH	Trip from DX/Therapeutic Site to Hospital
DI	Diagnostic-Therapeutic Site/Transfer Airport Heli Pad
DP	Trip from DX/Therapeutic Site to Physician's Office
DR	Trip from DX/Therapeutic Site to Home
DX	Trip from DX/Therapeutic Site to MD to Hospital
ED	Trip from an RDC or Nursing home to DX/Therapeutic Site
EH	Trip from an RDC or Nursing home to Hospital
EG	Trip from an RDC or Nursing home to Dialysis Facility (Hospital based)
EI	Residential Domicile Custody Facility/Transfer Airport Heli Pad
EJ	Trip from an RDC or Nursing home to Dialysis Facility (non-Hospital based)
EN	Trip from an RDC or Nursing home to SNF
EP	Trip from an RDC or Nursing home to Physician's Office
ER	Trip from an RDC or Nursing home to Physician's Office
EX	Trip from RDC to MD to Hospital
GE	Trip from HB Dialysis Facility to an RDC or Nursing Home
GG	Trip from HB Dialysis Facility to Dialysis Facility (Hospital Based)
GH	Trip from HB Dialysis Facility to Hospital

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Modifier	Description
GI	HB Dialysis Facility/Transfer Airport Heli Pad
GJ	Trip from HB Dialysis Facility to Dialysis Facility (non-Hospital Based)
GN	Trip from HB Dialysis Facility to SNF
GP	Trip from HB Dialysis Facility to Physician's Office
GR	Trip from HB Dialysis Facility to Patient's Residence
GX	Trip from HB Dialysis Facility to MD to Hospital
HD	Trip from Hospital to DX/Therapeutic Site
HE	Trip from Hospital to an RDC or Nursing Home
HG	Trip from Hospital to Dialysis Facility (Hospital Based)
HH	Trip from One Hospital to Another Hospital
HI	Hospital/Transfer Airport Heli Pad
HJ	Trip from Hospital to Dialysis Facility
HN	Trip from Hospital SNF
HP	Trip from Hospital to Physician's Office
HR	Trip from Hospital to Patient's Residence
IH	Transfer Airport Heli Pad/Hospital
JE	Trip from NHB Dialysis Facility to RDC or Nursing Home
JG	Trip from NHB Dialysis Facility to Dialysis Facility (Hospital Based)
JH	Trip from NHB Dialysis Facility to Hospital
JI	NHB Dialysis Facility/Transfer Airport Heli Pad
JN	Trip from NHB Dialysis Facility to SNF
JP	Trip from NHB Dialysis Facility to Physician's Office
JR	Trip from NHB Dialysis Facility to Patient's Residence
JX	Trip from NHB Dialysis Facility to MD to Hospital
ND	Trip from SNF to DX/Therapeutic Site

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Modifier	Description
NE	Trip from SNF to an RDC or Nursing Home
NG	Trip from SNF to Dialysis Facility (Hospital based)
NH	Trip from SNF to Hospital
NI	Skilled Nursing Facility/Transfer Airport Heli Pad
NJ	Trip from SNF to Dialysis Facility (non-Hospital based)
NN	Trip from SNF to SNF
NP	Trip from SNF to Physician's Office
NR	Trip from SNF to Patient's Residence
NX	Trip from SNF to MD to Hospital
PD	Trip from a Physician's Office to DX/Therapeutic Site
PE	Trip from a Physician's Office to an RDC or Nursing Home
PG	Trip from a Physician's Office to Dialysis Facility (Hospital based)
PH	Trip from a Physician's Office to a Hospital
PI	Physician's Office/Transfer Airport Heli Pad
PJ	Trip from a Physician's Office to Dialysis Facility (non-Hospital based)
PN	Ambulance trip from the Physician's Office to Skilled Nursing Facility
PP	Ambulance trip from Physician to Physician's Office
PR	Trip from Physician's Office to Patient's Residence
RD	Trip from the Patient's Residence to DX/Therapeutic Site
RE	Trip from the Patient's Residence to an RDC or Nursing Home
RG	Trip from the Patient's Residence to Dialysis Facility (Hospital based)
RH	Trip from the Patient's Residence to a Hospital
RI	Residence/Transfer Airport Heli Pad
RJ	Trip from the Patient's Residence to Dialysis Facility (non-Hospital based)
RN	Trip from the Patient's Residence to Skilled Nursing Facility

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Modifier	Description
RP	Trip from the Patient's Residence to a Physician's Office
RX	Trip from Patient's Residence to MD to Hospital
SH	Trip from the Scene of an Accident to a Hospital
SI	Accident Scene, Acute Event/Transfer Airport, Heli Pad
TN	Rural Area (for rotary wing emergency air ambulance trips only)

Emergency ambulance claims, that are not treatment-in-place, are only payable with a destination modifier of H, I, or X. Valid treatment-in-place ambulance claim modifiers are identified in the Treatment-in-Place section.

Medicaid Non-Covered Ambulance Modifiers

Edits shall be in place to deny ambulance claims as non-covered services when any of the following modifiers are billed on the claim, in any modifier field.

<u>Modifier</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>GY</u>	<u>An item or service is that statutorily excluded</u>
<u>QL</u>	<u>The patient is pronounced dead after the ambulance is called but before transport.</u>
<u>TQ</u>	<u>Basic life support by a volunteer ambulance provider</u>

Medicare Non-Covered Transportation Modifiers

The following modifiers should be used when billing for transports that are non-covered services by Medicare. These modifiers **may be used ONLY with procedure codes A0425-A0429 and A0433-A0434** to allow the claim to bypass the Medicare edit and process as a Medicaid claim.

Modifier	Description
DD	Clinic/Free-standing Facility to Clinic/Free-standing Facility
DE	Clinic/Free-standing Facility to Nursing Home
DP	Clinic/Free-standing Facility to Physician

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Modifier	Description
DR	Clinic/Free-standing Facility to Residence
ED	Nursing Home to Clinic/Free-standing Facility
EP	Nursing Home to Physician *
ER	Nursing Home to Residence
HP	Hospital to Physician
NP	Skilled Nursing Facility to Physician *
PD	Physician to Clinic/Free-standing Facility
PE	Physician to Nursing Home
PN	Physician to Skilled Nursing Facility
PP	Physician to Physician
PR	Physician to Residence
RD	Residence to Clinic/Free-standing Facility
RE	Residence to Nursing Home
RP	Residence to Physician *

* These modifiers will bypass the Medicare edit for non-emergency transports ONLY.

Encounter Submissions

The transportation broker shall submit encounters in compliance with the contract and the **LDH System Companion Guide**.

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