

**SECTION 4**  
**PROCEDURE AND WAITING TIME CODES**

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#### ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) TRANSPORT

Code	Description	Fee
A0427	Ambulance service, Advanced Life Support, Emergency Transport (Level 1) (ALS1 – emergency)  <i>One way, documentation of specialization is required in the run report when filing this procedure (all supplies inclusive in basic rate). A DHEC Ambulance Run Report must support each transport.</i>	\$158.96

#### SPECIALIZED TRANSPORT

Code	Description	Fee
A0225	Ambulance service, neonatal transport, base rate, emergency transport, one way <i>(all supplies inclusive in the transport)</i>  <i>This is an ALS transport that provides the staff and equipment necessary to transport and treat a neonate.</i>	\$149.17
A0434	Specialty care transport <i>(all supplies inclusive in the basic rate)</i>  <i>This transport is used as a special purpose transport when highly specialized equipment, a nurse, a doctor, or a specially trained paramedic is needed for transporting and treatment.</i>	\$323.22
A0390	ICU/Neonatal Mileage	\$3.24

#### FIXED-WING OR ROTARY AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT

Code	Description	Fee
A0430	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (fixed wing) <i>(All supplies inclusive in basic rate)</i>	\$372.48
A0431	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (rotary wing), <i>(Mileage and supplies inclusive in basic rate)</i>	\$3122.00
A0435	Fixed Wing air mileage, per statute mile	\$9.31 per statute mile

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#### BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) TRANSPORT

Code	Description	Fee
A0429	<p>Ambulance service, Basic Life Support, Emergency Transport (BLS – Emergency)</p> <p><b><i>One way, this type of transport is used when equipment is required for transporting and treatment of basic life support situations. (all supplies inclusive in basic rate). The DHEC Ambulance Run Report must support each transport.</i></b></p> <p>This code is also used for transports to or from the site of transfer (i.e., airport or helicopter pad) between modes of emergency air ambulance transports. This is a separate billable service that is reimbursed at the appropriate ground transport rate.</p> <p><b><i>NOTE: This is a 911 call</i></b></p>	\$126.82
A0999	<p>Unlisted Ambulance Service</p> <p>This code is used for the transport of a deceased person. All supporting documentation must be submitted when billing for the service. (See Section 2, Policies and Procedures, “Transport of a Deceased Persons”, for conditions to bill this code.)</p>	\$85.82

#### OTHER TRANSPORT CODES

Code	Description	Fee
A0420	<p>Ambulance waiting time, (ALS or BLS), one-half (½) hour increments</p> <p><b><i>(First ½ hour is not reimbursable). Waiting time charges cannot exceed the return trip charges. The DHEC Ambulance Run Report must support any waiting time billed.</i></b></p>	\$9.16
A0424	<p>Extra ambulance attendant, ground (ALS or BLS) or air (fixed or rotary winged); (required medical review)</p> <p><b><i>The DHEC Ambulance Run Report must explain the need for using the extra attendant.</i></b></p>	\$32.59
A0425	<p>Ground mileage, per statute mile (ALS or BLS)</p>	\$2.42
A0998	<p>Ambulance response and treatment, no Transport</p> <p><b><i>This procedure code is used in all cases where an ambulance is called and the patient refused transport or the ambulance staff decided medical condition of the patient did not warrant transport to a medical facility and the patient is treated at the scene.</i></b></p>	\$37.71

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#### MODIFIER AND INDICATOR CODES

#### MODIFIERS

Modifier	Description
76	Repeat Procedure or Service by Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional
NT	No transport
EV	Evacuation
U1	Medicaid Level of Care 1

#### INDICATORS

Indicators for destination reporting are created by combining two alpha characters from the following list. Each alpha character represents either an origin or destination. Each pair of alpha characters created an indicator. The first position represents the origin and the second the destination.

Indicator	Description
D	Diagnostic or therapeutic site other than a physician's office or hospital
E	Residential, domiciliary, custodial facility (nursing home, non-skilled nursing facility)
G	Hospital-based dialysis facility (hospital or hospital-related)
H	Hospital
I	Site or transfer for example (airport or helicopter pad) between types of ambulance transport
J	Non hospital based dialysis facility
N	Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)
P	Physician's office (includes HMO non-hospital facility, clinic etc.)
R	Residence
S	Scene of an accident or acute event

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Waiting time codes should be entered in the Days or Units field of the CMS-1500 claim form.

<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
<b>1</b>	1 hour
<b>2</b>	1 ½ hours
<b>3</b>	2 hours
<b>4</b>	2 ½ hours
<b>5</b>	3 hours
<b>6</b>	3 ½ hours
<b>7</b>	4 hours
<b>8</b>	4 ½ hours
<b>9</b>	5 hours

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