



Ground Ambulance and Patient Billing Advisory Committee

Public Meeting #1 (Virtual) • Day 1
May 2, 2023 • 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM EST

Day 1 – Morning Sessions

9:30AM – 10:50AM

Session 1: Introduction and Background

- General Welcome/Housekeeping – Terra Sanderson, Provider Resources, Inc.
- Introduction to the Ground Ambulance & Patient Billing Advisory Committee– Shaheen Halim, CCIIO
- Background - Overview of the No Surprises Act
 - Overview of the No Surprises Act – Colin Goldfinch, CCIIO
 - Congress Recognized Need to Create Tailored Solution Specific to Ground Ambulance Services – Kathy Lester, AAA
- Committee/Public Feedback

10:50AM – 1:10PM

Session 2: Overview of the Ground Ambulance Industry

- Ground Ambulance Provider Types & Services
 - Introduction – Asbel Montes, GAPB Chairperson
 - Overview of Fire-Based EMS Operations Career/Volunteer – Rob McClintock, IAFF
 - Public and Private Partnerships – Mark Postma, AimHI
 - Overview of Non-Governmental Ambulance Services – Maria Bianchi, AAA
 - Large Government Systems – Robert Luckritz, Austin-Travis County EMS
 - State EMS Officials – Dia Gainor, NASEMSO
 - Alternative Delivery and Payment Systems
 - Community-based Paramedicine – Gary Wingrove, The Paramedic Foundation
 - ET3 Model Test – Alexis Lilly and Chanelle Boone, CMMI
- Committee/Public Feedback

Mid-Day Break • 1:10PM – 1:50PM



Day 1 – Afternoon Sessions

1:50PM – 3:45PM	Session 3: Insurance and Ground Ambulance Payment Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government Rate Setting Methodologies<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Medicaid- Asher Mikow and Andrew Badaracco, CMS○ Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule – Maria Durham, CMS• Health Plan Coverage and Payment Requirements<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Overview of Health Plan Coverage of Ground Ambulance Transportation – Adam Beck, AHIP○ Coverage and Payment Requirements for Health Plans - Asbel Montes, GAPB Chairperson• Anatomy of an EMS Call – Ritu Sahni, MD, Clackamas County EMD and Washington County EMS• Committee/Public Feedback
Break • 3:45PM – 4:00PM	
4:00PM – 5:25PM	Session 3: Insurance and Ground Ambulance Payment Systems (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level of Service and Care – Ed Marasco, QMC• Independent Studies of Cost/Payment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Findings from MedPAC and GAO Analyses – Zach Gaumer, HMA○ Ground Ambulance Payment and Billing for the Commercially-Insured – Loren Adler, USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy• Committee/Public Feedback
5:25PM – 5:30PM	Session 4: Wrap Up Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close Out – Terra Sanderson, Provider Resources, Inc.

Adjourn Day 1 • Resume Committee Meeting May 3, 2023 • 9:30AM



Ground Ambulance and Patient Billing Advisory Committee

Public Meeting #1 (Virtual) • Day 2
May 3, 2023 • 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM EST

Day 2 – Morning Sessions

Session 1: Ground Ambulance Billing Practices

9:30AM – 10:25AM

- Overview of Billing Practices Among Ground Ambulance Provider Types
 - Overview – Kim Stanley, EMS Management and Consults
 - Overview of EMS Billing for the Oceanside (CA) Fire Department – Peter Lawrence, Oceanside Fire Division
 - Private Ambulance Service Suppliers' Billing Practices Profile – Shawn Baird, AAA
- Committee/Public Feedback

10:25AM – 11:35PM

Session 2: Disclosure of Charges to Consumers

- Overview of the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System – Maria Durham, CMS, Andrew Mulcahy, The RAND Corporation
- Disclosure of Charges to Consumers and Role of Essential Health Benefits – Adam Beck, AHIP
- Ambulance/EMS Responsibilities for Disclosure – Steve Wirth and Doug Wolfberg, Page, Wolfberg & Wirth, LLC
- Committee/Public Feedback

Mid-Day Break • 11:35PM – 12:05PM

Day 2 – Afternoon Sessions

12:05PM – 1:55PM

Session 3: Balance Billing – Impact on Consumers & Current Consumer Protections

- Impact of Surprise Billing Laws – Jack Hoadley, Georgetown
- Consumer Access and Equity Issues – Justin Giovannelli, Georgetown
- Rural and Volunteer Ambulance Service – Gary Wingrove, The Paramedic Foundation
- Consumer Advocacy
 - Balance Billing – Impact on Consumers & Current Consumers Protections - Patricia Kelmar, PIRG
- Committee/Public Feedback

Mid-Day Break • 1:55PM – 2:25PM

2:25PM – 5:00PM

Session 4: Potential Legislative and Regulatory Options to Prevent Balance Billing

- Solutions/Objectives – Legislative and Regulatory Options – How to Prevent Balance Billing
 - Commissioner Jon Godfread, NAIC
 - Matt Zavadsky, NAEMT
 - Evan Davis, IAFF
 - Adam Beck, AHIP
 - Kathy Lester, AAA
- Consumer Advocacy
 - Potential Legislative and Regulatory Options - Patricia Kelmar, PIRG
 - Policy Options to Prevent Balance Billing - Loren Adler, USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy
- Committee/Public Feedback

5:00PM – 5:30PM

Session 5: Wrap Up Day 2

- Discussion of Subcommittees
- Next Steps
- Public Comment
- Close Out – Terra Sanderson, Provider Resources, Inc.

Adjourn Day 2 & Close GAPB Public Meeting #1