



# Ground Ambulance & Patient Billing Advisory Committee

## Introduction



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# Background

- Ground Ambulance and Patient Billing (GAPB) Advisory Committee is Authorized by Section 117 of the No Surprises Act (part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021).
- Joint establishment by three Departments: Health & Human Services; Labor; and the Treasury.
- The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) governs the formation and operation of this Committee.



# Statutorily Mandated Scope & Purpose

To review options for:

- Improving the **disclosure of charges and fees** for ground ambulance services.
- **Better informing consumers** of insurance options for ground ambulance services.
- **Protecting consumers from balance billing.**



To submit a **report** that includes **recommendations** to the Depts of Health & Human Services, Labor, and Treasury on the issues listed above, including potential options for legislation/regulation and enforcement.

# Timeline of Committee Activity

- **November 2021** – Charter Approval solicitation of nominations for membership.
- **December 2022** – Roster of 17 Committee Members was formally announced.
- **May 2023** – 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting
  - Subcommittees Established
- **August 2023** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting
  - Preliminary Findings from Subcommittees
  - Public Comment on 14 Key Issues





# October 31 & November 1, 2023 Public Meeting



- Key Findings from Subcommittees
- Recommendations for Report
  - Discussion & Committee Deliberation
  - Committee Voting
  - Public Comment
- A detailed Agenda is posted on the GAPB Website hosted on CMS.gov

# Public Comment

- **Oral Comments**

- Mid-day allotted time period
- Announce Name & Org. Affiliation
- 2 to 3 minute time limit

- **Written Comments**

- Submit via email to:  
**[gapbadvisorycommittee@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:gapbadvisorycommittee@cms.hhs.gov)**



# Post Meeting Activity

- **All meeting artifacts (presentations, transcripts, summary and recordings) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> public meeting will be made available on the Committee's Website.**
- **The Committee's Report will be issued to the Secretaries and key Congressional Committees (early 2024) and posted on the Committee's Website.**

**<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/regulations-guidance/advisory-committees/advisory-committee-ground-ambulance-and-patient-billing-gapb>**