

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Questions and Answers  
Open Door Forum: Ambulance  
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1. Question: On the change proposal for the ALS2 definition to add packed red cells, plasma, and whole blood administration, I thought that that also included the monitoring of the administration of those modalities that were established prior to that ambulance trip. In other words, during inter-facility transfer. Is that still correct?
  - a. Answer: That was a question that we received, a public comment question, and we did provide a response to that in the Federal Register. I would refer you to our response regarding monitoring. It is in the final rule and our section begins on page 1840 of the document.
2. Question: My question is regarding the temporary ground add-on payment. Will they be extending that? I know that it's supposed to end December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2024.
  - a. Answer: They are set to expire at the end of December. Congress will have to re-up it. Historically, they have, but they haven't re-upped it yet.

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