



EMS Access Assessment

- AAA has organized a statewide effort to address Medicaid's current under-reimbursement for emergency transports in Arkansas.
- The proposed Arkansas EMS Supplemental Payment Program is being established in conjunction with the Department of Health Services, the Legislature, and the AAA to earn and distribute new federal Medicaid funds, which are earned when a state puts up matching funds.
- In the EMS Access Assessment Program, those state funds required to earn matching federal funds are generated through an assessment on each private (non-volunteer or non-governmental / municipal) based EMS Service by the state.
- The amount each provider is assessed will differ, as will the amount of supplemental payments each EMS Service will receive. To be clear, only those providers paying the assessment will receive supplemental payments.
- The AAA will redistribute a portion of the payments from the EMS Services that have the highest return from the supplemental payments to *ensure that every participating EMS Service receives at least some profit.*

Program Results:

- Every private (non-volunteer or non-governmental / municipal) EMS Service will pay the assessment.
- Every private (non-volunteer or non-governmental / municipal) EMS Service will receive a supplemental payment.
- Since the supplemental payments are based on Medicaid services, those EMS Services that provide the most Medicaid services will receive the highest supplemental payments.
- Every EMS Service that receives more supplemental payments than the assessment it pays will pay a portion of its "profit" to the AAA.
- The AAA will redistribute those contributions to ensure that every participating EMS provider will get at least 105% of its assessment.

- **Higher Medicaid reimbursement to providers,**
- **Funded by assessments on only those providers, and**
- **Every providers gets back more than it pays.**

What does my service need to do next?

- Complete the state mandated
 - Emergency Medical Transportation Access Payment Application and the
 - Initial Medical Transportation Access Payment Revenue Surveyforms included in this mailing.

- Return the state mandated
 - Emergency Medical Transportation Access Payment Application and the
 - Initial Medical Transportation Access Payment Revenue Surveyon or before March 30, 2018.

- If you have not completed and returned the optional Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program Support Agreement with the Arkansas Ambulance Association that is included in this pack, please do so.

- Return documents via
 - federal express to: HSG, Attention Donna Newchurch, 5010 Hwy 1, Napoleonville, LA 70390. A pre-filled fed ex label is included in this mailing for your use; or
 - e-mail by sending the documents as attachments to Donna Newchurch at donna@newchurchassoc.com.

**The Arkansas Ambulance Association is sponsoring two
Technical Assistance Calls
to assist providers with form completion and to answer any questions.**

Monday, March 19th at 10:30 am
and
Wednesday, March 21th at 11:00 am

To participate, dial 866-210-1669; participant code 8492911