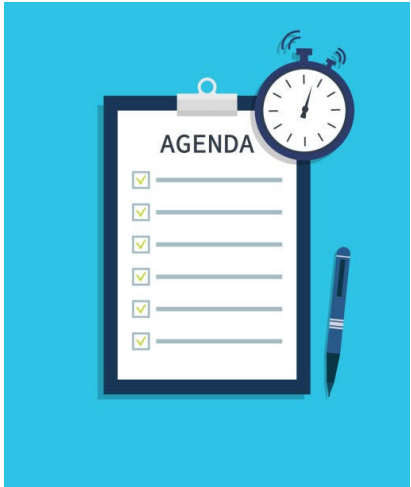




Illinois GEMT Program Overview

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Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT)

- Voluntary, Medicaid enrolled, publicly owned or operated emergency medical transportation providers
- Federal funds for additional reimbursement of uncompensated costs for emergency Medicaid transports
- CMS allows the states to establish supplemental payment methodologies
- Requires state legislation to create a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that details the payment methodology - the SPA requires federal approval

Illinois GEMT Parameters and Requirements

Intergovernmental Agreement/Transfer (IGA/IGT)

- IGA/IGT is an agreement to pay back to the program
- 50/50 federal/state split
- Commitment by providers to pay the 50% state share
- IDHFS issues supplemental payments combined with fee schedule payments
- IDHFS invoices providers and collects the 50% owed back to the program
- Some funds used for administrative costs and increased fee schedule for private ambulance services

Illinois GEMT Parameters and Requirements

Illinois' GEMT program started in calendar year 2020

ALS and BLS emergency base rates receive supplemental payment

Cost report due to HFS by 10/1

Data for Cost Report

Reimbursement based on the actual cost of providing care

Cost Report Categories

- General Information
- Provider Questionnaire
- Total Expenses
- Medical Transportation Service (MTS) Expenses
- Non-Medical Transportation Service (NON-MTS) Expenses
- Allocation of Capital Related and Salaries & Benefits (CRSB)
- Allocation of Administration & General (A&G)
- Reclassification of Expenses
- Adjustments
- Revenues
- Final Settlement
- Notes

What Happens After Cost Report Submission

Cost report is reviewed

ALS and BLS costs are determined and approved

Providers receive an email with approved costs

Approved costs are entered into Illinois' payment system

Providers get paid for dates of service starting with the calendar year following their 10/1 cost report submission

Supplemental Payment Example

Estimate of cost to run calls	Fee Schedule Payment	GEMT Total Payment	50% IGA/IGT pay back	50% GEMT Payment that Fire Protection District gets to keep
\$2,000.00	\$200.00	\$1,800.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
		Net Reimbursement		
		\$1,100.00		

Estimates for Budget Preparation

Estimates are easy to prepare for budgets or an estimate of what your district could collect annually through this program. To do this, you'll need the following information:

- Annual ALS and BLS Medicaid Volume
- Estimate of cost per call to run your service
- Current Medicaid Transportation Fee Schedule payment

Invoicing and Accounting

INVOICING:

- HFS intends to invoice providers quarterly. Provider Notice issued by HFS on 1/26/23 indicates they will email invoices for Q 1 and 2 of 2022 by 1/31/23
- The invoice from the state is based on payment approved dates

ACCOUNTING:

- It can be virtually impossible to match the amounts being invoiced by the state to summarized payment reports that can be provided by your billers since billing software typically doesn't capture this information

Reconciliation

RECONCILIATION:

- GEMT Programs are subject to reconciliations/audits
- Illinois has not done any reconciliations yet
- They can happen years after the initial data was submitted
- Be careful to provide complete and accurate information
- Keep supporting documentation that was used to populate the cost report
- Providers could be requested to pay back some of the funds received

Resources

Link to Publicly Owned Transportation Providers Cost Reports Page that includes the IGA, Cost Report Instructions and Cost Report Template that was used for participation in the program during the 2023 calendar year:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/CostReports/Pages/PubliclyOwnedTransportationProviders.aspx>

HFS Provider Notice Issued 11/21/22 regarding payments back to the program:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/notices/Pages/prn221121a.aspx>



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