



Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program - ESPP

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Emergency Service Transporters

Maryland State Plan for Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program (ESPP)

- Providers receive a supplemental payment designed to address difference between the cost per transport vs. reimbursement rate
- As in other states, uses Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
- No state general funds used—program is budget neutral except for administrative costs associated with program administration

Certified Public Expenditure (CPE)

SFY21 estimated payment to ESPP is \$60 million

SFY22 estimated payment to ESPP is \$80 million

Example:

\$1500	(actual cost)
<u>- \$100</u>	(Medicaid reimbursement)
\$1400	(difference in reimbursement and actual cost)

CPE enhances available federal funds:

\$1400	(difference in reimbursement and actual cost)
X 50%	(FMAP)
<u>\$700</u>	(Federal funds for non-reimbursed costs in form of supplemental payment to eligible provider)

Eligible Providers

- Be enrolled as a Medicaid provider for the period being claimed on their annual cost report;
- Provide ground emergency transport services to Medicaid recipients; and
- Be a: “Jurisdictional Emergency Medical Services Operational Program,” as defined in COMAR 30.03.02:
 - *“an institution, agency, corporation, or other entity that has been approved by the EMS Board to provide oversight for each of the local government and State and federal emergency medical services programs”*

ESPP – Time Frame for Implementation

- State plan and cost report documentation submitted in 9/2020 to CMS
- Public Notice on MHD website
- Effective date requested Oct 2020 (Q2 SFY21)
- First year would end at close of SFY21 (6/30/21)
- Eligible providers have 180 days from the close of SFY21 to submit cost reports for qualifying transports that occurred between 10/1/2020 – 6/30/21
- Following review by MDH, CPE for payments submitted by MDH to CMS
- First rounds of payments to eligible providers would be made in Q3 of SFY22 for claims from SFY21

Questions & Answers

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