



Ground Ambulance and Patient Billing Advisory Committee Public Meeting #2 (Virtual) August 16, 2023 • 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM EST

Welcome & Introductions

9:30AM – 9:45AM

Welcome & Introduction to GAPB Subcommittees

- Shaheen Halim
- Asbel Montes

Morning Sessions

9:45AM – 11:30AM

Session 1: GAPB Subcommittee on Network Adequacy & Cost/Payment Structures

- Definitions
- Discussion/Q&A
- Public Comment

Break • 11:30AM – 11:40AM

11:40AM – 12:45PM

Session 2: NHTSA & NEMSIS Presentation

- Presentation
- Discussion/Q&A
- Public Comment

Mid-Day Break • 12:45PM – 1:30PM

Afternoon Sessions

1:30PM – 2:45PM

Session 1: GAPB Subcommittee on Public/Consumer Disclosures & Coverages

- Disclosures & Coverages
- Discussion/Q&A

Break • 2:45PM – 2:55PM



2:55PM – 3:25PM

Session 2: HHS OCR Presentation

- Presentation
- Discussion/Q&A

Break • 3:25PM – 3:35PM

3:35PM – 4:20PM

Session 3: GAPB Subcommittee on Network Adequacy & Cost Payment Structures

- Update on Committee Progress
- Discussion/Q&A

Break • 4:20PM – 4:30PM

4:30PM – 5:30PM

Session 4: Next Steps & Public Comment

- Committee Feedback/Public Comment
- Summarize Follow-up Actions and Next Steps
- Wrap Up & Adjourn

Adjourn Meeting & Close GAPB Public Meeting #2



The Committee seeks public comment on the following issues under consideration:

Please submit public comment by September 5th to the following email address:

GAPBAdvisoryCommittee@cms.hhs.gov

1. Should balance bills for ground ambulance services be prohibited (as with services currently under the purview of the No Surprises Act)?
2. Would it be appropriate to incorporate ground ambulance services into existing NSA protections?
3. Should any protections apply to non-emergency transports? If so, should those protections differ for emergency transports?
4. Should any protections apply to assessment, first responder, or other non-covered fees?
5. How can meaningful public and /or consumer disclosures be crafted?
6. Should there be cost-sharing limitations for EMS in Medicare Advantage?
7. Should there be a federal, universal EMS benefit?
8. Should EMT's and Paramedics be classified as providers?
9. Should state and local governments specify the out-of-network reimbursements?
10. Should a public utility model be deployed?
11. Should emergency ambulance services be considered "in-network" since the consumer has no choice when they call 9-1-1?
12. We are seeking information related to examples where consumers receive bills from ambulance providers for services not covered by an insurance carrier.
13. What communities or areas in the United States are without emergency ambulance service coverage?
14. Should NSA protections apply to volunteer ambulance service agencies?