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FIXED WING

The MO HealthNet Division began reimbursing for fixed wing transports on September 1, 2006 under the Ambulance program, when weather conditions prohibited the use of rotary wing transport.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2008, all medically necessary fixed wing transports, that meet the criteria listed below, will be covered by the MO HealthNet Ambulance program. The following procedure codes with modifier SC (medically necessary service or supply) will be used:

A0430SC - Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (fixed wing) - \$3,225.47

A0435SC - Fixed wing air mileage, per statute mile, \$2.50 per mile

Emergency services are services required when there is a sudden or unforeseen situation or occurrence or a sudden onset of a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in:

1. Placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy; or
2. Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
3. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

MO HealthNet covers emergency fixed wing air ambulance only when transport is to the nearest appropriate hospital and the following criteria are met:

- The patient's medical condition is such that immediate and rapid ambulance transportation is essential and cannot be provided by ground ambulance or rotary wing ambulance; or
- Great distances or other obstacles are involved in getting the patient to the nearest hospital with appropriate facilities; or

- The patient's medical condition is such that the time needed to transport by land or rotary wing, or the instability of transportation by land or rotary wing ambulance poses a threat to the patient's survival or seriously endangers the patient's health.

SUPPLIES

Supplies may be billed separately from the fixed wing base rate, when appropriate. The following codes are used for billing supplies:

When billing A0430SC:

A0398 (ALS routine disposable supplies),
A0422 (Oxygen and oxygen supplies),
A0394 (IV drug therapy),
A0999 (Unlisted ambulance service—IV set up and fluids), and
93040 (Rhythm ECG with report).

PROVIDER ENROLLMENT

To receive MO HealthNet reimbursement, a provider of services must have entered into, and maintain, a valid participation agreement with the MO HealthNet Division. Providers of the services contained in this bulletin must enroll with a fixed wing specialty. Existing providers of ambulance services whether land or rotary wing must complete a new provider agreement in order to expand their base of service to provide fixed wing services. Air ambulance is defined as any private or publicly owned conventional air service, rotary wing or fixed wing specially designed, constructed or modified, maintained or equipped with the intent to be used for the transportation of patients as defined in Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 135.

The enrollment process for the ambulance program is currently not available online. Provider Application can be obtained via e-mail message to the Provider Enrollment Unit at providerenrollment@dss.mo.gov.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One for the red or white card.

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573-751-2896