

Public Notice for Air Ambulance Rate Increase for Fiscal Year 2022
Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division

June 30, 2021

Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandate that proposed changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

1. The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (DSS/MHD) provides notice of the following:

To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access, effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2021, the MO State Legislature has authorized a reimbursement rate increase for covered Air Ambulance Services with MO HealthNet. DSS/MHD will implement an increase to 60% of the Medicare rural rate for air ambulance HCPCs codes as well as amend Missouri's State Plan to reflect this change.

Total annual fiscal impact is estimated to be \$3,058,910.00.

2. Comments may be sent by regular mail, express or overnight mail, in person or by courier within 30 calendar days after publication of this notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division
615 Howerton Ct., 2nd Floor
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Attention: Nanci Nikodym

Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use "Public Comment for Air Ambulance Rate increase" in the subject line. Comments must be received by July 30, 2021.

3. A public hearing will not be held.

4. A copy of the proposed ambulance rate increase SPA will be available for public review by contacting the Department of Social Services, MHD at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. These documents may also be viewed online at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notices.htm>.

