



Appendix B – Transportation Rates

Table B-1								
CONTRACTOR/ CARRIER	LOCALITY	HCPCS	RVU	GPCI	URBAN BASE RATE / URBAN MILEAGE	RURAL BASE RATE / RURAL MILEAGE	RURAL BASE RATE / LOWEST QUARTILE	RURAL GROUND MILES 1-17
14312	40	A0425	1.00	1.036	\$8.71	\$8.80	n/a	\$13.20
14312	40	A0426	1.20	1.036	\$333.21	\$336.48	\$412.52	n/a
14312	40	A0427	1.90	1.036	\$527.58	\$532.76	\$653.16	n/a
14312	40	A0428	1.00	1.036	\$277.68	\$280.40	\$343.77	n/a
14312	40	A0429	1.60	1.036	\$444.28	\$448.64	\$550.03	n/a
14312	40	A0432	1.75	1.036	\$485.93	\$490.70	n/a	n/a
14312	40	A0433	2.75	1.036	\$763.61	\$771.10	\$945.37	n/a
14312	40	A0434	3.25	1.036	\$902.45	\$911.30	\$1,117.25	n/a

Table B-2			
		Rates	Requirements
Mileage	A0425	8.71	1. Selected Applicants will be required to charge the lowest rate that meets health and safety needs of the patient being transported, despite the type of vehicle that is dispatched to provide service.
ALS 1	A0426	333.21	2. Selected Applicants must bill patients' insurance first for patients with insurance coverage.
ALS1 –Emerg.	A0427	527.58	
BLS	A0428	277.68	
BLS-Emerg.	A0429	444.28	
EMS	A0432	485.93	
ALS-2	A0433	763.61	
Specialty	A0434	902.45	



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RVU Relative Value Units

RVUs define the value of a service or procedure relative to all services and procedures. This measure of value is based on the extent of physician work, clinical and nonclinical resources, and expertise required to deliver the healthcare service to patients. RVUs ultimately determine physician compensation when the conversion factor (CF), dollars per RVU, is applied to the total RVU.

Under the Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS), physician payment for services are determined by total RVUs, geographic practice cost indices (GPCI), and the conversion factor (CF).

GPCI Geographic Practice Cost

The Medicare physician fee schedule amounts are adjusted to reflect the variation in practice costs from area to area. A geographic practice cost index (GPCI) has been established for every Medicare payment locality for each of the three components of a procedure's relative value unit (i.e., the RVUs for work, practice expense, and malpractice). The GPCIs are applied in the calculation of a fee schedule payment amount by multiplying the RVU for each component times the GPCI for that component.

Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS):

Table B-3

A0425	Ground mileage, per statute mile
A0426	Ambulance service, advanced life support, non-emergency transport, level 1 (als 1)
A0427	Ambulance service, advanced life support, emergency transport, level 1 (als 1 - emergency)
A0428	Ambulance service, basic life support, non-emergency transport, (bls)
A0429	Ambulance service, basic life support, emergency transport (bls-emergency)
A0430	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (fixed wing)
A0431	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (rotary wing)
A0432	Paramedic intercept (pi), rural area, transport furnished by a volunteer ambulance company which is prohibited by state law from billing third party payers
A0433	Advanced life support, level 2 (als 2)
A0434	Specialty care transport (sct)
A0435	Fixed wing air mileage, per statute mile
A0436	Rotary wing air mileage, per statute mile