(d) The Montana Ambulance Fee Schedule

The Montana Ambulance Fee Schedule is based on data in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) "2008 Ambulance Fee Schedule PUF Final," but contains only workers' compensation (WC) reimbursement rates and calculations for Montana.

The Montana Ambulance Fee Schedule includes both ground and air ambulance services. As an example, let's assume the patient falls into the category required for A0425, for ground ambulance service in a rural area for a total of 53 miles.The formula for determining reimbursement is adding the value in column 5 (rural base rate and mileage base) to the result of multiplying the value in column 8 (rural miles) times 53 (the number of miles), for a total of $669.80 ($9.95+ $659.85). As another example, let's assume the patient falls into the category required for A0431, for air ambulance service in a in a rural-to-urban flight of 46 miles. The formula for determining reimbursement is adding the value in column 3 ($6,760.62) to the product of 46 (miles) times A0436 ($47.66, Rotary Wing Air Mileage, per statute mile) for a total of $8,952.98 ($6,760.62 + $2,192.36). As a third example, let's use the second example again, but show the combining capacity of this table by adding in that there is a need for advanced life support (AO433). AO433 has a value of $778.24, which is added to the earlier calculated $8,952.98, for a new total of $9,731.22.

Reimbursement rates in this fee schedule remain unchanged until the next revision of this fee schedule section referenced in the Administrative Rules of Montana.

(1) HCPCS	(2) WC BASE RATE & URBAN MILEAGE	(3) WC RURAL BASE RATE & RURAL MILEAGE	(4) WC RURAL BASE/MILES 1-17	(5) WC URBAN MILES 51+	(6) WC RURAL MILES 51+	(7) Explanation of Service Mode
A0425	$9.95	$9.95	$14.93	$12.45	$12.45	GROUND MILEAGE, PER STATUTE MILE
A0426	$339.61	$339.61	n/a	n/a	n/a	AMBULANCE SERVICE, ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORT, LEVEL 1 (ALS
A0427	$537.70	$537.70	n/a	n/a	n/a	AMBULANCE SERVICE, ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, EMERGENCY TRANSPORT, LEVEL 1
A0428	$283.00	$283.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	AMBULANCE SERVICE, BASIC LIFE SUPPORT, NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORT, (BLS)
A0429	$452.80	$452.80	n/a	n/a	n/a	AMBULANCE SERVICE, BASIC LIFE SUPPORT, EMERGENCY TRANSPORT (BLS-EMERGENCY)
A0430	$3,876.58	$5,814.86	$5,814.86	n/a	n/a	AMBULANCE SERVICE, CONVENTIONAL AIR SERVICES, TRANSPORT, ONE WAY (FIXED WING)
A0431	$4,507.07	$6,760.62	$6,760.62	n/a	n/a	AMBULANCE SERVICE, CONVENTIONAL AIR SERVICES, TRANSPORT, ONE WAY (ROTARY WING)
A0432	$495.24	$495.24	n/a	n/a	n/a	PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT (PI), RURAL AREA, TRANSPORT FURNISHED BY A VOLUNTEER
A0433	$778.24	$778.24	n/a	n/a	n/a	ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, LEVEL 2 (ALS 2)
A0434	$919.74	$919.74	n/a	n/a	n/a	SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT (SCT)
A0435	$11.92	$17.89	$17.89	n/a	n/a	FIXED WING AIR MILEAGE, PER STATUTE MILE
A0436	$31.78	$47.66	$47.66	n/a	n/a	ROTARY WING AIR MILEAGE, PER STATUTE MILE

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