



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties

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TO: EMS Ground Transport Providers - Inyo County

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SUBJECT: **FY 2016-17 AMBULANCE RATE ADJUSTMENT**
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

The following represents the ICEMA approved ambulance rate adjustments for Inyo County Ground Ambulance Providers, effective July 1, 2016. The attached "Ground Ambulance Service Rate Definitions" will be utilized in the application of the rates.

Inyo County Ambulance Rate Components	FY 2016-17
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Rate	\$1,658.00
ALS Non-transport	\$375.00
Basic Life Support (BLS) Base Rate	\$1,234.00
Emergency Fee (Code 3 lights and siren transport)	\$81.55
Oxygen	\$161.77
Night Charge (6 pm - 6 am)	\$186.76
Critical Care Transport	\$1,784.51
Mileage (per transport mile or fraction thereof)	\$37.00
Wait Time (per ¼ hour increments or fraction thereof)	\$69.91
EKG	\$103.10

* Base rates all-inclusive except for item charges identified on this charge master.

If you have any questions regarding the above listed rates, please contact me at (909) 388-5823 or via e-mail at tom.lynch@cao.sbcounty.gov or George Stone, Program Coordinator, at (909) 388-5807 or via e-mail at george.stone@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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Ground Ambulance Service Rate Definitions (Inyo County)

BLS Base Rate:

When an approved basic life support (BLS) transportation provider responds and transports a patient.

ALS Base Rate:

When an approved advanced life support (ALS) transportation provider responds and transports an EMS (9-1-1) or interfacility transfer patient.

This charge will include, but is not limited to the following:

- Care modalities including patient assessment, cardiac monitoring, telemetry, IV administration, drug administration, defibrillation, blood draw, wound dressing, splinting and disposable first aid and medical supplies related to such care and treatment.

ALS Non-transport:

When an approved advanced life support (ALS) transportation provider responds to an EMS (9-1-1) patient but transportation did not occur.

This fee is not charged if:

- Cancelled prior to arrival and/or assessment.
- Public requests for response to non-injury incident (no public safety or primary party request).
- No patient found.

Emergency:

Applies when a BLS scheduled response is upgraded to emergency status either in response or during transport. This charge is included in the ALS Base Rate and cannot be charged in addition to the ALS Base Rate.

ECG Monitoring:

ECG monitoring cannot be charged separately unless the use is in compliance with protocol and/or base hospital order. For Medi-Cal patients meeting protocol or base hospital contact criteria, this charge must be broken out as a separate line item.

Mileage:

Applies for each "loaded" patient mile or fraction thereof from point of pick-up to destination. If multiple patients are transported in a single ambulance, each patient is billed their percentage of a single mileage charge. Non-patients transported may not be charged mileage or other fees.

Night:

Services provided between the hours of 1900 and 0659 (military time).

Oxygen:

Whenever oxygen is administered. This charge is inclusive of material, i.e., tubing, masks, etc., which may be used for the administration of oxygen.

Wait Time:

Applies to:

- Scheduled calls charged per 15 minutes of wait time or portion thereof, after the first 15 minute period lapse occurs, e.g., when an ambulance must wait for a patient at the request of the person/organization hiring the service.
- May also be charged following the first 25 minutes of wait time at an emergency department for EMS units transporting 9-1-1 patients.

Specialty Care Transport:

Applies to:

- An authorized specialty care transportation provider utilizing medical personnel necessary to provide appropriate level of patient care, monitoring and scope of practice, during transports.
- Additional equipment required based on patient's needs, e.g., critical care level (registered nurse), high risk maternal (team transport), neonatal (incubator and/or team transport), and/or bariatric unit transport.