



PROVIDER BULLETIN
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TO: Participating ambulance providers
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SUBJECT: Ambulance fee schedule change

We are sending this bulletin to inform you of an upcoming change to the ambulance fee schedule. The following HCPCS code will be added to the fee schedule for dates of service on or after June 1, 2013:

Procedure code	Description	Rate
A0424	Extra ambulance attendant, ground (ALS or BLS) or air (fixed or rotary wings); (Requires medical review)	

Pursuant to this change, precertification is required for each attendant.

As stated in Medical Policy #12.04.02: Nonemergency Ambulance Transport Services: Independence Blue Cross and its affiliates (IBC) covers and considers for reimbursement nonemergency ambulance transport services when such transport: (1) is a benefit as outlined in the member contract and (2) is a means to obtain covered treatments or services and meets the requirements associated with (3) transport origin, (4) transport destination, and (5) medical necessity. To view the policy in its entirety, go to www.ibx.com/medpolicy.

Please note that coverage for ambulance services is determined by the member's contract and eligibility. If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact your Network Coordinator.

Confidentiality

Please note that the confidentiality of fee schedule rates is governed by the terms and conditions of your participating provider agreement with IBC. Unauthorized distribution of this information by Provider to third parties is prohibited without the prior written consent of IBC. Please refer to your agreement for additional information.

Not a guarantee of payment

The listing of codes is not a guarantee of payment. All claims are subject to the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the member's benefits program as well as IBC medical and claim payment policy, claims processing guidelines, and other applicable policies and procedures. Some codes may be included in global facility fees and therefore are not eligible for separate reimbursement by professional or ancillary providers.

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We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.
