

**Kansas Department of Health and Environment (EMS Rates)**

Add \$10.0 million, including \$4.5 million SGF, to raise all Emergency Medical Services ground and air provider codes to 65.0 percent of the 2021 Medicare rates and raise ground ambulance mileage to 100.0 percent of the rural Medicare rates for FY 2023.

## Medicaid Reimbursement for Air and Ground Ambulance Services

The following charts compare current Kansas Medicaid rates and the Medicare rates:

### Air Ambulance Services

Procedure Code	Current Medicaid Rate	Medicare Rate*
A0430 (Fixed Wing)	\$ 800.00	\$ 3,162.58
A0435 (Fixed Wing Mileage)	800.00	3,676.97
A0431 (Rotor Wing)	9.00	9.41
A0436 (Rotor Wing Mileage)	9.00	25.10

### Ground Ambulance Services

Procedure Code	Current Medicaid Rate	Medicare Rate*
A0428 (BLS Nonemergency)	\$ 40.00	\$ 233.13
A0429 (BLS Emergency)	180.00	373.01
A0425 (BLS Mileage)	3.00	8.02
A0426 (ALS Nonemergency)	40.00	279.75
A0427 (ALS Level 1 Emergency)	216.00	442.94
A0433 (ALS Level 2 Emergency)	180.00	641.10
A0434 (Specialty Care Transportation)	80.00	757.67
A0425 (ALS Mileage)	3.00	8.02

\*Urban base Medicare rate

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) calculated the approximate fiscal impact of setting ground and air ambulance rates at 65 percent of Medicare rates (ground ambulance mileage was calculated at 100 percent of the rural Medicare rate).

The estimated fiscal impact is as follows:

Cost to Raise rates to 65% of Medicare	All Funds	SGF
Ground EMS Codes	\$9,351,946	\$4,198,089
Air Ambulance Codes	\$638,214	\$254,073
All EMS codes (ground and air)	\$9,990,160	\$4,452,162

Air ambulance service code reimbursement rates have not been updated since 2005 and the mileage reimbursement for air has not been updated since 2001. Three ground ambulance codes were updated in 2018 but the others have not been updated since 2005.