

2016 Physician Fee Schedule Changes for Ambulance Services

Several changes have been initiated under the Final 2016 Physician Fee Schedule Rule for ambulance services.

Bonus Payment Extensions-

Medicare ambulance fee schedule increased in July 2008 further extended until December 2017. Fee schedule increased by-

2%
Urban Areas

3%
Rural Areas

22.6%

Super Rural Areas



for ground transports

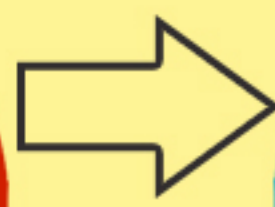
Zip Code Affecting Reimbursements

ZIP code changes brought about by CMS in effect from January 2015. ZIP codes changes from urban to rural and vice versa will have an impact on reimbursements especially for rural pickups

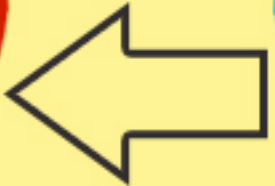
ZIP codes have changed



3.73 %



1.05 %



2

Ohio has the most ZIP codes that changed from urban to rural- **3.63%**.

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West Virginia has the most ZIP codes that changed from rural to urban- **15.92 %**.



* If pick-up is a **rural area**, total payment will be increased by **50 %**

Ambulance Staffing Regulations-



For Basic Life Support (BLS) vehicles, 1 certified and trained staff member is required

Ambulance staffed by 2 people who are well equipped for offering services, in adherence to state and Medicare laws.