



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Gaston Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)

Board Action

File #: 25-027

Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Approve Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule Based on Medicare and Medicaid Allowable Rates

STAFF CONTACT

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BUDGET IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

Each year in January the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services adjusts allowable EMS reimbursement rates. To follow our mandate to maximize user revenue to reduce reliance on General Funds, we typically adjust our rates effective February 1st each year.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

GEMS 2025 Proposed Fees

DO NOT TYPE BELOW THIS LINE

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	JBailey	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	TKeigher	SShehan	Vote
2025-024	01/28/2025	AF	SS	A	A	AB	A	A	A	A	U

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A=AYE, N=NAY, AB=ABSENT, ABS=ABSTAIN, U=UNANIMOUS

Current and Proposed GEMS fees

Level Of Service	HCPCS	2025 MFS (U)	GEMS Current Charge	GEMS Proposed Charges 2-1-25	Proposed Change 2-1-25	Mecklenburg Current Charge 1	Buncombe Current Charge	Cabbarus Current Charge	Union Current Charge 1	City of Gastonia Current Charge 2	New Hanover Current Charge 3	York SC Current Charge 4
Mileage	A0425	\$9.15	\$18.00	\$20.00	+\$2.00	\$29.00	\$17.88	\$15.00	\$10.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
ALS NE	A0426	\$323.78	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0	\$892.00	\$632.80	\$636.29	\$554.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
ALS E	A0427	\$512.65	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	+\$200.00	\$1,194.00	\$1,002.00	\$890.78	\$682.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
BLS NE	A0428	\$269.82	\$625.00	\$750.00	+\$125.00	\$892.00	\$527.40	\$563.57	\$384.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
BLS E	A0429	\$431.72	\$850.00	\$1000.00	+\$150.00	\$1,194.00	\$843.80	\$781.71	\$461.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
ALS 2	A0433	\$742.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00	0	\$1,194.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,199.82	\$798.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
Specialty Care Transport	A0434	\$876.91	\$1,650.00	\$1,750.00	+\$100.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,714.00	\$1,381.60	\$798.00	N/A	UTO	UTO

1: Hospital supported system

2: Does not offer this service

3: Hospital based system; information not available

4: Hospital based system; information not available

GEMS Other/Non-Transport fees

Level Of Service	HCPCS		GEMS Current Charge	GEMS Proposed Charges 2-1-25	Proposed Change 2-1-25	Mecklenburg Current Charge	Buncombe Current Charge	Cabbarus Current Charge	Union Current Charge 1			
BLS Disp Supplies	A0382		\$30.00	\$50.00	+\$20.00	0	\$60.00	\$60.00	UTO			
Defibrillation	A0384		\$50.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	0	0	0	UTO			
IV Disp Supplies	A0394		\$35.00	\$50.00	+\$15.00	0	\$50.00	\$50.00	UTO			
Intubation	A0396		\$45.00	\$0.00	(\$45.00)	0	0	0	UTO			
ALS Disp Supplies	A0398		\$50.00	\$100.00	+\$50.00	0	\$100.00	\$100.00	UTO			
Oxygen Disp Supplies	A0422		\$35.00	\$35.00	0	0	\$10.00	\$50.00	UTO			
DOA Response Fee	A0429		\$180.00	\$180.00	0	0	0	0	UTO			
DOA Transport	A0429		\$180.00	\$400.00	+\$220.00	Don't do	\$410.00	\$411.22	UTO			
Treatment, No Transport	A0998		\$375.00	\$375.00	0	UTO	\$375.00	\$200.00	\$106.00			
Stand By Per Hr	A0999		\$300.00	\$300.00	0	UTO	UTO	UTO	UTO			
Medicaid Roundtrip	T2003		\$475.00	\$475.00	0	UTO	UTO	UTO	UTO			