



# Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners  
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## Gaston Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)

### Board Action

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File # 26-004

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Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Amend the Current Gaston County Fee Schedule to Adjust Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule Based on Medicare and Medicaid Allowable Rates

#### **STAFF CONTACT**

Mark Lamphiear - GEMS - 704-866-3202

#### **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 and to reduce reliance on General Funds, we typically adjust our rates effective February 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Revenue projection due to increased fees is not a linear formula due to factors of rates, reimbursements, contractual allowances, and clients' co-pays. However, GEMS projects an increase of approximately \$1,500,000 based on the increase in revenue from last year

#### **POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

GEMS Proposed Fees

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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

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#### **DISTRIBUTION**

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**Current and Proposed GEMS fees**

<b>Level Of Service</b>	<b>HCPCS</b>	<b>Current Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Charges 2-1-26</b>	<b>Proposed Change 2-1-26</b>
ALS Non Emergency	A0426	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$200.00
ALS Emergency	A0427	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$300.00
BLS Non Emergency	A0428	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$100.00
BLS Emergency	A0429	\$1000.00	\$1,000.00	0
ALS 2	A0433	\$1,450.00	\$1,800.00	\$350.00
Specialty Care Transport	A0434	\$1,750.00	\$2,400.00	\$650.00
Loaded Patient Mileage	A0425	\$20.00	\$23.50	\$3.50
BLS Disp Supplies	A0382	\$50.00	\$50.00	0
IV Disp Supplies	A0394	\$50.00	\$50.00	0
ALS Disp Supplies	A0398	\$100.00	\$100.00	0
Oxygen Disp Supplies	A0422	\$35.00	\$35.00	0
DOA Response Fee	A0429	\$180.00	\$180.00	0
DOA Transport	A0429	\$400.00	\$400.00	0
Treatment, No Transport	A0998	\$375.00	\$375.00	0
Stand By Per Hr	A0999	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$100.00
Medicaid Roundtrip	T2003	\$475.00	\$600.00	\$125.00
Lift Assist - after 3rd in rolling 30 days		\$0.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
Wheelchair van transport		\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Wheelchair van mileage		\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
GEMS Care annual subscription				
- Individual, emergency only		\$55.00	\$60.00	\$5.00
- Individual, emergency and MNNE		\$105.00	\$105.00	0
- Household, emergency only		\$100.00	\$105.00	\$5.00
- Household, emergency and MNNE		\$150.00	\$150.00	0
School Football Game Standby - Per Game		\$300.00	\$300.00	0