



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Gaston Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)

Board Action

File # 26-004

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

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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 and to reduce reliance on General Funds, we typically adjust our rates effective February 1st 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

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
2026-034	01/27/2026	BH	SS	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

DISTRIBUTION.

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

Current and Proposed GEMS fees

Level Of Service	HCPCS	Current Charge	Proposed Charges 2-1-26	Proposed Change 2-1-26
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	\$1000 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