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Subject: Ambulance Patient Charges	Reference: Gen 91	

NOTE: Gen 91A replaces Gen 91. Under the standardized provincial patient charges, a new surcharge rate is included.

To: all Ground Ambulance Service Providers and billing staff

This bulletin provides information about standardized patient charges for ground ambulance service effective January 1, 2015, as well as the rates for Alberta government programs which remain in effect.

The Registrar appointed by the Minister of Health under section 8 of the *Emergency Health Services Act* may set fees for ambulance services in accordance with section 5 of the *Emergency Health Services (Interim) Regulation*.

Standardized Provincial Patient Charges

These are paid by patients or their third-party supplemental health insurance providers, e.g. Alberta Blue Cross, Manulife or Sun Life.

These charges are:

- \$385 if patient is transported, or
- \$250 if patient is not transported
- Plus a \$200 surcharge if patient is a non-resident of Alberta.

Charges for Government Programs (“Minister’s Rate”)

These are set by the Minister of Health and paid by Government of Alberta ministries on behalf of clients under a number of programs, including Coverage for Seniors, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), the Alberta Adult Health Benefit and the Alberta Child Health Benefit.

These charges are:

- \$146 for Basic Life Support level of service
- \$191 for Advanced Life Support level of service
- Plus a \$2.29 per kilometre distance charge if patient is transported.

Rates agreed between operators and Health Canada for First Nations patients as of December 31, 2014, remain in effect. The full cost of inter-facility transfers, i.e. transport between approved hospitals to a higher level of care, remains the responsibility of the Government of Alberta.

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