

February 16, 2024

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Dear Chair Houghton and Members of the House Health Care Committee,

Below are the answers to the questions you asked about how Blue Cross VT pays for EMS services for our members:

**1. What is BCBSVT's reimbursement policy for "no transport" services?**

Blue Cross VT pays for "treat no transport" (HCPCS A0998: Ambulance response and treatment, no transport) if certain criteria, that align with the EMS treatment guidelines, are met.

**2. What is the reimbursement policy to transport to a non-hospital emergency room?**

Blue Cross VT's payment policy does not make any differentiation between hospital and non-hospital transport. Eligibility for the benefit depends only on medical necessity and whether the acute care center is appropriate for the care required.

**3. Do they have comments on H.622 sections 2 and 3?**

This is one example of where VT Medicaid and Blue Cross VT have different payment policies, and in this instance, Blue Cross VT's are more preferential for providers than VT Medicaid.

The Blue Cross VT payment policy on ambulance and medical transport is available on the publicly accessible portion of our website:

<https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/ambulance-and-medical-transport-dec-2023>