

Medicaid Reimbursement - Ambulance & Emergency Services**Methodology & Current Rates**

- Fixed fee schedule originally set at % of Medicare rates.
- VT Medicaid rates last updated in 2008.
- Since 2008, Medicare rates increased approximately 3%. Medicaid rates are unchanged.
- DVHA rates to stay within the appropriated budget:

SFY	% of the aggregate Medicare rates
2008	46%
2014	43%

Current Spending

- SFY 2014: \$4.2 million gross for ambulance and emergency medical services.

SFY 2014 Spend	
Medicaid Beneficiaries	\$2.75 M
Dual Eligibles	\$1.45 M
Total Spend	\$ 4.2 M gross

- 3 procedure codes comprise 80% of Medicaid payments (by DVHA):

SFY 2015 Payments*	
Advanced Life Support	\$1,443,616
Basic Life Support	\$953,638
Ground Mileage	\$858,047

*Includes dual eligibles

Vermont vs. Other States

- Vermont rates are middle range vs. regional states (New England states, New Jersey and New York, Essex County).
- Generally, states use Medicare as a benchmark. Medicaid cannot pay more than Medicare in the aggregate.
- Difference in VT: Additional payment for disposable service supplies.

	State Rates as % of Medicare		
	Emergency		Ground Mileage
	Advanced Life Support	Basic Life Support	
VT	43 %	43 %	42 %
NH	41 %	40 %	36 %
NY	46 %	41 %	28 %
CT	74 %	74 %	40 %
NJ	NA	16 %	41 %
RI	16 %	19 %	8 %
MA	65 %	65 %	40 %
ME	65 %	65 %	65 %

Conclusion

- DVHA methodology consistent with Medicare, and other state Medicaid programs.
- \$3.8 million gross needed to increase VT Medicaid rates to 100% of Medicare rates.
- Increased rates not supported by current appropriated budget.