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Introduction
Welcome to the Global Surgery Specialty Manual. Cahaba has developed this educational material to assist Medicare Part B providers in locating laws, regulations, policies and other guidelines directly related to your specialty.

CMS Internet Online Manual System
The CMS Internet Online Manual System is used by CMS program components, partners, contractors, and State Survey Agencies to administer CMS programs. It offers day-to-day operating instructions, policies, and procedures based on statutes, regulations, guidelines, models and directives. The direct link to the CMS Internet Online Manual System is http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/index.html.

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CMS Website Page for Ambulance Services Center

- Coding/Billing/Payment
- CMS Manuals and Transmittals
- Policies/Regulations
- Medicare Secondary Payer
- Public Use Files
- Enrollment
- National Provider Identifier
- Education
- Contacts
- Coverage
- How to Stay Informed
- Other Guidance (includes the Medical Conditions List)

https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Ambulances-Services-Center.html

CMS – The Medicare Ambulance Benefit & Statutory Bases for Denial of Claims

- Ambulance Transports & Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) – Informal Guidance for Ambulance Suppliers and Providers


CMS - Beneficiary Notices Initiative (BNI)

- Fee For Service Revised Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage
- ABN Forms
- ABN CMS Manual Instructions
- ABN Alternative Format Sample for Labs

http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/ABN.html

**SE1514**  Overview of the Repetitive Scheduled Non-emergent Ambulance

**MM9142**  Medicare Claims Processing Manual – Chapter 15, Section 40, Ambulance – Medical Conditions List

**MM8895**  Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for CY 2015

**CR8760**  Beneficiary Signature Requirements for Ambulance Services

**CR8706**  Update to the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual to Restore Missing Air Ambulance Definitions

**MM7363**  Additional Provider and Supplier Enrollment Requirements for Fixed Wing and Helicopter Air Ambulance Operators

**MM7489**  Instructions to Accept and Process All Ambulance Transportation Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes

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**Cahaba– Ambulance Fee Schedule**
Select the appropriate year:
https://apps.cahabagba.com/fees/

**Cahaba– General Billing Information**
- [Ambulance Condition Indicators](https://apps.cahabagba.com/fees/)
- 2015 Zip Code Files
  https://apps.cahabagba.com/fees/getZip.do
Self-Service Tools
Cahaba offers a variety of self-service options including:

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An educational program designed to provide a broad variety of Medicare related training to meet the needs of Medicare health care providers and suppliers. It is provides centralized management and access to content created by the Provider Outreach and Education department for the provider community. You will find the most commonly viewed courses along with our educational recordings.

**Resource Center for New Providers**
A dedicated web page for those individuals who are new to the Medicare program or to billing claims to Cahaba. This page contains basic information and resources to get you started.

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The Cahaba Medicare B Newsline serves as your official notice of Medicare coverage and billing information. The files are available in a PDF format. Our newsletters are offered at no cost and can be found on the Cahaba website under the Education Header.

**Interactive Voice Response (IVR)**
The Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System is available to providers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with allowances for normal claims processing and system mainframe availability as well as normal IVR and system maintenance. IVR instructions are located on the Cahaba website on the Contact Us tab.

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- Medicare Ambulance Transports

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