

# PROVIDER Update



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## Extra Payment for Ground Emergency Medical Transport

### You may receive a supplemental payment

You may receive a payment of up to \$339\* per service for noncontracted fee-for-service ground emergency medical transport (GEMT), for the following HCPCS codes during state fiscal years (SFYs) 2018–2019 from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019:

- A0429 – Basic life support (BLS) emergency,
- A0427 – Advanced life support (ALS) emergency, or
- A0433 – Advanced life support, level 2 (ALS2) emergency

Supplemental payments may be extended into future fiscal years, and may include extra GEMT transport codes. A W-9 form is required for payment.

\*If you have already been paid for past claims, your extra payment will be sent to you minus the amount you've already been paid for the claim. This will bring your payment total to the amount above.

### Submit your W-9 form and get paid

A W-9 form is required for payment. After receiving the completed W-9 form, payments take about five weeks to process and send out. The W-9 form must include your:

- National Provider Identifier (NPI) – If two NPI numbers are used (individual and group), include both NPI numbers where space is available.
- Individual taxpayer identification number (TIN).

### Example:

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

→ Write the NPI information on the W-9 form

Add the TIN here →

Employer identification number									

This communication includes a W-9 form. You can also download it from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf) with complete instructions.

THIS UPDATE APPLIES TO MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS:

- Physicians
- Participating Physician Groups
- Hospitals
- Ancillary Providers

### PROVIDER SERVICES

1-888-893-1569  
[www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com)

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Send a current or updated W-9 by email or fax:

<b>EMAIL</b>	HNCA_W9_Submissions@CENTENE.COM (Clearly add the words "W9" in the subject line.)
<b>FAX</b>	1-833-794-0423 (Include a cover sheet and clearly add the words "W9" and "PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION.")

### **Dual eligible**

For dual eligible beneficiaries with Medicare Part B coverage, A0429 is the only HCPCS code in certain geographic areas where Medi-Cal reimbursement level may result in a crossover payment obligation.

### **GEMT definition**

Ground emergency medical transport is defined as the act of transporting an individual from any point of origin to the nearest medical facility capable of meeting the emergency medical needs of the patient by an ambulance licensed, operated, and equipped, in accordance with applicable state or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations, excluding transportation by an air ambulance provider, that are billed with HCPCS codes A0429, A0427 and A0433.

### **Additional information**

For additional information regarding the GEMT supplemental reimbursement program, refer to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website at [www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/GEMT.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/GEMT.aspx).

For all other questions, contact CalViva Health at 1-888-893-1569.

**Request for Taxpayer  
Identification Number and Certification**

**Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

► Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC     C Corporation     S Corporation     Partnership     Trust/estate

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

Other (see instructions) ► \_\_\_\_\_

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)*

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.      Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Social security number**

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**or**

**Employer identification number**

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**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

**Sign Here**      Signature of U.S. person ►      Date ►

**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

**Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
  - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
  - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
  - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
  - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
  - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
  - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
  - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
- If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*