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NAEMSP® Position Statement

Reimbursement for EMS Response, Medical Care, and Transport

The National Association of EMS Physicians® Believes that:

- When callers access 9-1-1 (or a similar emergency call center) requesting emergency medical response, third party payers—including federal and state programs, their agents, and private insurers—should provide fair and reasonable reimbursement for those services.
- Retrospective determination that a transport was not medically necessary should not result in denial of payment. Payment for 9-1-1 emergency response should be based on the prudent layperson standard.
- When EMS systems that possess adequate educational, medical direction and quality improvement resources choose to implement EMS-initiated non-transport policies (including, but not limited to, treat and release protocols, termination of resuscitation or on-site care for mass gatherings), third party payers should consider the relative cost savings associated with providing on-scene care without subsequent transport, and provide fair and reasonable reimbursement for those services

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