



# Rate Survey

## Blair Rescue Squad



Dear Blair Rescue Squad,

I trust you are well. In our ongoing partnership, we are dedicated to ensuring that Blair Rescue Squad remains both sustainable and capable of delivering the high standard of care your community expects.

With the current economic landscape, we are aware that many service providers are grappling with the question of whether to adjust their ambulance rates. These adjustments include the [2026 Ambulance Inflation Factor](#) that are based on the Medicare Allowable rates and well as reviewing neighboring agencies. While we understand this decision is not taken lightly, we recommend an annual review of rates and have provided this information below.

### **Understanding the Ambulance Inflation Factor:**

The ambulance inflation factor is an annual measure reflecting the increased costs associated with providing ambulance services, influenced by variables such as fuel prices, medical equipment costs, personnel expenses, and regulatory changes. Adjusting rates to align with this factor can ensure that your service does not suffer from diminished resources as operational costs climb. The 2026 Ambulance Inflation Factor is 2.0%.

### **Understanding the Medicare Fee Schedule:**

The Medicare Part B Ambulance Fee Schedule (AFS) is a national fee schedule for ambulance services. Each year, an update is applied to the payment limits for ambulance transports that is equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the 12-month period ending with June of the previous year.

The fee schedule applies to all ambulance services provided by:

- Volunteer, municipal, private, and independent ambulance suppliers.
- Institutional providers, including hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.
- Critical access hospitals, except when they're the only ambulance service within 35 miles.

### **Our Analysis Approach**

To support your decision-making, we've conducted a comprehensive analysis of your rates against these factors. This strategic approach factors in state and regional benchmarks and aligns with the Medicare Allowable Fee Schedule, offering insights into sustainable pricing that nurtures community trust.

### **A Partnership Driven by Data and Discretion**

EMS|MC remains dedicated to a data-informed approach that respects your goals and patient care priorities. We understand the sensitivity of pricing changes and have approached this analysis with the necessary diligence and discretion. We are here to navigate these complex considerations alongside you and look forward to that opportunity.

Thank you for your continued trust in our partnership,

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## Blair Rescue Squad (NE) 2026 Medicare Rate Analysis and Recommendations

Level Of Service	2026 Medicare Allowable (Rural)	Current Charge	Recommended (300% MFS)	Recommended (350% MFS)	2026 Approved Charge
ALS NE A0426	\$332.76	\$0.00	\$998.28	\$1,164.66	\$0.00
ALS E A0427	\$526.87	\$1,438.00	\$1,580.61	\$1,844.05	\$0.00
BLS NE A0428	\$277.30	\$1,045.00	\$831.90	\$970.55	\$0.00
BLS E A0429	\$443.68	\$1,145.00	\$1,331.04	\$1,552.88	\$0.00
ALS 2 A0433	\$762.57	\$1,708.00	\$2,287.71	\$2,669.00	\$0.00
Specialty Care Transports A0434	\$901.22	\$0.00	\$2,703.66	\$3,154.27	\$0.00
Rural Mileage 18+ A0425	\$9.42	\$25.00	\$28.26	\$32.97	\$0.00
Rural Mileage A0425 1-17	\$14.13	\$25.00	\$42.39	\$49.46	\$0.00

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Authorization of Recommended Rates/Date

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Printed Name/Title

## Blair Rescue Squad (NE) Rate Survey Against Like Agencies

Level Of Service	Like Agency 1 (NE)	Like Agency 2 (NE)	Like Agency 3 (NE)	Blair Rescue Squad (NE)	Average
BLS E A0429	\$1,045.00	\$850.00	\$974.00	\$1,145.00	\$956.33
BLS NE A0428	\$1,045.00	\$750.00	\$732.00	\$1,045.00	\$842.33
ALS E A0427	\$1,438.00	\$1,000.00	\$913.00	\$1,438.00	\$1,117.00
ALS 2 A0433	\$1,708.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,674.00	\$1,708.00	\$1,627.33
ALS NE A0426	\$1,200.00	\$900.00	\$731.00	\$0.00	\$943.67
TNT A0998	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$150.00	\$183.33
SCT A0434	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mileage A0425	\$21.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$20.33
DOA	\$1,045.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$348.33

