

GEMT PPL 25-001

**DATE:** 11/21/2025

**TO:** Supplemental Reimbursement for Publicly Owned or Operated Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Providers Program Participants

**SUBJECT:** Administrative cost reimbursement under the Supplemental Reimbursement for Publicly Owned or Operated Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Providers program

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) is to inform participating providers that the Department of Health Care Services will assume the host entity role for administrative reimbursement under the Supplemental Reimbursement for Publicly Owned or Operated Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Providers program

## **BACKGROUND**

The Supplemental Reimbursement for Publicly Owned or Operated Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Providers (GEMT) Program is a Certified Public Expenditure program that provides supplemental reimbursement to eligible publicly owned or operated GEMT providers for providing GEMT services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. In accordance with Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code [14105.94\(d\)\(1\)](#), the GEMT program shall provide supplemental reimbursement without any expenditure from the General Fund. Therefore, as a condition of receiving supplemental reimbursement from the GEMT program, eligible providers were required to enter, and maintain an agreement, known as the Provider Participation Agreement (PPA), with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the purposes of reimbursing DHCS for the costs of administering the GEMT program.

The GEMT program sunset on December 31, 2022, with the implementation of the Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Intergovernmental Transfer program. However, in accordance with W&I Code [14105.94\(i\)](#), DHCS continues to perform administrative activities related to interim payments, such as cost report audits and final reconciliations, and is entitled to receive full compensation for those activities and any other necessary and remaining administrative activities until paid in full. These activities are expected to continue through June 2026 but are subject to change.

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## **POLICY**

In accordance with Article 3, Section O of the PPA, GEMT providers must enter into a separate agreement with a host entity in order to satisfy the requirements of W&I Code [14105.94\(d\)\(1\)](#). The host entity would then collect payments from the GEMT providers to reimburse DHCS for its administrative costs of operating the GEMT program. Since the inception of the GEMT program, and up through dates of service in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022-23, the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District ("Metro Fire") served as the host entity, managing the collection of administrative reimbursements from participating providers and reimbursing DHCS for its administrative costs. However, effective July 1, 2023, Metro Fire is no longer the host entity who collects and remits administrative reimbursement on behalf of GEMT providers for administrative costs owed to DHCS. Instead, DHCS will bill GEMT providers directly for their share of administrative costs incurred on or after July 1, 2023, and through the closeout of the GEMT program pursuant to section [14105.94\(d\)\(1\)](#) and (i). If you have any questions or need further assistance regarding this PPL, please contact the GEMT Program at [GEMT@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:GEMT@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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