Alaska Medicaid Emergent and Non-Emergent ALS and BLS Criteria

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A0426 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Non-Emergent Criteria	A0427 Advanced Life Support (ALS) <u>Emergent</u> Criteria	A0428 Basic Life Support (BLS) Non-Emergency Criteria	AO429 Basic Life Support (BLS) Emergency Criteria	AO433 Advanced Life Support (ALS) <u>Level II</u> Criteria
Planned inter-facility transport or routine transport by ALS personnel and includes at least one of the following ALS interventions. Note: The determination for this level of service is based upon ALS intervention, and not diagnosis. Chemical restraint Example: a psychiatric patient is transferred from a psychiatric facility and was given an antianxiety drug en route by EMS due to uncontrolled behavior(s). Cardiac Hemodynamic Monitoring Example: A patient with heart failure is transported from one hospital to another and EMS provides hemodynamic monitoring to include BP, callically never ary cardiac output, can be considered as a pulmon partery wedge provides. A inced a pulmon provided illustration of two or more medications Example: During transfer from one hospital to another, an MI patient experiences another MI, EMS administers medications to treat the condition.	An immediate response is one in which the ambulance provider begins as quickly as possible to take the steps necessary to respond to the call. When Provided All Stration of the formula of the forest of the formula of the formula of the formula of the formula o	The provision of medically necessary supplies and services. The ambulance must be staffed by an individual who is qualified in accordance with State and local laws as an emergency medical technician-bacic (EMT-Basic). Iter-faculty or come to port EM complete and only in come to serve is serve in this level is serve is serve in this level is serve in the serve in the serve is serve in the s	An immediate response is one in which the ambulance provider begins as quickly as possible to take steps necessary to respond a call. EMS provides basic stabilization care or soced that including or more of the follows: Imiration of the follows: Implies of the follows: Implies of the follows: AND/OR Presence of one or more conditions that meaning the distribution of the follows: Implies of the fol	Transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and provision of medically necessary supplies and services including: At least three separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion excluding crystalloid hypotonic, isotonic and hypertonic fluids including dextrose, normal saline, or Ringer's lactate (does not apply to self-administered medication); or transportation, medically necessary supplies and services and; Ground ambulance transportation the provision of at least one of the following fib/Lovers Endotral allipation Central lous placing Chest decompression Surgical airway Intraosseous line NOTE: the monitoring and maintenance of an endotracheal tube that was previously inserted prior to the transport also qualifies as an ALS II procedure. Fractional administration of a single dose does not qualify for ALS II payment.

Condition (General)	Condition (Specific)	Service Level	Comments and Examples (not all-inclusive)	HCPCS Crosswall	
Severe abdominal pain	With other signs or symptoms	ALS	Nausea, vomiting, fainting, pulsatile mass, distention, rigid, tenderness on exam, guarding.	A0427/A0433	
Abdominal pain	Without other signs or symptoms	BLS		A0429	
Abnormal cardiac rhythm/Cardiac dysrythmia.	Potentially life-threatening	ALS	Bradycardia, junctional and ventricular blocks, non-sinus tachycardias, PVC's >6, biand trigeminy, ventricular tachycardia, ventricular fibrillation, atrial flutter, PEA, asystole, AICD/AED	A0427/A0433	
Abnormal skin signs		ALS	Diaphorhesis, cyanosis, delayed cap refill, poor turgor, mottled	A0427/A0433	
Abnormal vital signs (include abnormal pulse oximetry)	with wire out symptoms.	ALS		A0427/A0433	
Allergic reaction	ally 4 até ag		rapid progression of symptoms, prior history of anaphylaxis, wheezing, difficulty symbol lowing	A0427/A0433	
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Blood glucose	Abnormal <80 or >250, with symptoms.	ALS	Altered mental status, vomiting, signs of dehydration.	A0427/A0433	
Respiratory arrest		ALS	Apnea, hypoventilation requiring ventilatory assistance and airway management.	A0427/A0433	
Difficulty breathing		ALS		A0427/A0433	
Cardiac arrest – resuscitation n progress		ALS		A0427/A0433	
Chest pain (non-traumatic)		ALS	Dull, severe, crushing, substernal, epigastric, left sided chest pain associated with pain of the jaw, left arm, neck, back, and nausea, vomiting, palpitations, pallor,	A0427/A0433	
Chocking episode	Airway obstructed or partially	ALS	diaphoresis, decreased LOC.	A0427/A0433	

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Condition (General)	Condition (Specific)	Service Level	Comments and Examples (not all-inclusive)	HCPCS Crosswalk
Cold exposure	Potentially life or limb threatening	ALS	Temperature < 95F, deep frost bite, other emergency conditions.	A0427/A0433
Cold exposure	With symptoms	BLS	Shivering, superficial frost bite, and other emergency conditions	A0429
Altered level of consciousness (nontraumatic)		ALS	Acute condition with Glascow Coma Scale < 15.	A0427/A0433
Convulsions, seizures			A0427/A0433	
Eye symptoms, non-traumatic	Acute vision loss and/or severe pain	BLS		A0429
Non-traumatic headache	With neurologic distress conditions or sudden severe	ALS	4	A0427/A0433
Cardiac symptoms other th	Palpit on kip d b ts	S		A0472/A0433
Heat exposure	ally thate or	5		A0472/A0433
Heat exposure	With symptoms	BLS		A0429
Hemorrhage	Severe (quantity) and otentially life-threatening	ALS	Viol	A0472/A0433
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Hazmat exposure		ALS	Toxic fume or liquid exposure via inhalation, absorption, oral, radiation, smoke inhalation	A0472/A0433
Medical device failure	Life or limb threatening malfunction, failure, or complication	ALS	Malfunction of ventilator, internal pacemaker, internal defibrillator, implanted drug delivery service.	A0472/A0433
Medical device failure	Health maintenance device failures that cannot be resolved on location	BLS	Oxygen system supply malfunction, orthopedic device failure.	A0429

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Condition (General)	Condition (Specific)	Service Level	Comments and Examples (not all-inclusive)	HCPCS Crosswalk	
Neurologic distress	Facial drooping; loss of vision; aphasia; difficulty swallowing; numbness, tingling extremity; stupor, delirium, confusion, hallucinations; paralysis, paresis (focal weakness); abnormal movements; vertigo; unsteady gait/balance; slurred speech, unable to speak	ALS		A0472/A0433	
Pain, severe not otherwise specified in this list.	Acute onset, unable to ambulate or sit due to intensity of pain.	ALS	Pain is the reason for the transport. Use severity scale (7-10 for severe pain) or patient receiving pharmalogic intervention.	A0472/A0433	
Back pain – non-traumatic (T and/or LS).	Suspect cardiac or vascular etiology	ALS	Other emergency conditions, absence of or decreased leg	A0472/A0433	
Back pain – non-traumatic (T and/or LS).	Sudden onset of new neurologic symptoms.	ALS	Neurologic distress list	A0472/A0433	
Poisons, ingested, injected, nhale habsorbed John Into atio or depoyer dose (suspected).	Adverse drug reaction, poison xposure by inhalation, njector at the on Inace to are or self and unable to ambulate. No airway compromise	ALS	visi	A0472/A0433	
Severe alcohol intoxication	Airway may or may not be at risk. Pharmacological intervention or cardiac monitoring may be needed. Decreased level of consciousness resulting or potentially resulting in airway compromise.	ALS		A0472/A0433	
Post-operative procedure complications.	Major wound dehiscence, evisceration, or requires special handling for transport.	BLS	Non-life threatening	A0429	
Pregnancy complication/childbirth/labor		ALS		A0472/A0433	
Psychiatric/Behavioral	Abnormal mental status; drug withdrawal.	ALS	Disoriented, DTs, withdrawal symptoms	A0472/A0433	
Psychiatric/Behavioral	Threat to self or others, acute episode or exacerbation of paranoia, or disruptive behavior	BLS	Suicidal, homicidal, or violent.	A0429	

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Condition (General)	Condition (Specific)	Service Level	Comments and Examples (not all-inclusive)	HCPCS Crosswalk
Sick person – fever	Fever with associated symptoms (headache, stiff neck, etc.). Neurological changes.	BLS	Suspected spinal meningitis.	A0429
Severe dehydration	Nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, severe and incapacitating resulting in severe side effects of dehydration	ALS		A0472/A0433
Unconscious, fainting, syncope, near syncope, weakness, or dizziness.	Transient unconscious episode or found unconscious. Acute episode or exacerbation.	ALS		A0472/A0433

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Condition (General)	Condition (Specific)	Service Level	Comments and Examples (not all- inclusive)	HCPCS Crosswalk
Major trauma	As defined by ACS Field Triage Decision Scheme. Trauma with one of the following: Glascow <14; systolic BP<90; RR<10 or >29; all penetrating injuries to head, neck, torso, extremities proximal to alhow or knee; flail chest; contination of trauma and burns; pelve fracties pen celeptor ku fracties pen celeptor pen celeptor pen celeptor pen fracties pen celeptor pen celeptor pen celeptor pen celeptor pen celeptor pen fracties pen celeptor pen cel		See "Condition (Specific)" column	
Other trauma	Need to monitor or maintain airway	ALS	Decreased LOC, bleeding into airway, trauma to head, face or neck.	A0427/A0433
Other trauma	Major bleeding	ALS	Uncontrolled or significant bleeding.	A0427/A0433

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Other trauma	Suspected fracture/dislocation requiring splinting/immobilization	BLS	Spinal, long bones, and	
	for transport.		joints including shoulder elbow, wrist, hip, knee and ankle, deformit f bone or	A0429
Other trauma	Per ati extre ity is.	BLS	Iso ed ledin. stopped and good CSM.	A0429
Other trauma	Amputation – digits	BLS		A0429
Other trauma	Amputation – all other	ALS		A0427/A0433
ther trauma	Suspected internal, head, classification abdominal injuries	C C	Signs of cloud head injury, open head jury one not crax, or thora abdom. buting, putive abdominal signs on exam, internal bleeding criteria, evisceration.	A0 7/A0433

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Condition (General)	Condition (Specific)	Service Level	Comments and Examples (not all- inclusive)	HCPCS Crosswalk
Burns	Major – per American Burn Association (ABA)	ALS	Partial thickness burns > 10% total body surface area (TBSA); involvement of face, hands, feet, genitalia, perineum, or major joints; third degree learns; electical; checical halcon; burns with precising burns and trauma	A0429
Burns	Minor – per ABA	BLS	Other burns than listed above.	A0429
ver remarks	Potentially life or limb-threa	36	Symptoms specific enverse has not ce, in and stremity involvement, other emergency conditions.	A0-7/A0433
Animal bites/sting/envonmation	Other	BLS	Local pain and swelling or special handling considerations (not related to obesity) and patient monitoring required.	A0429

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Condition (General)	Condition (Specific)	Service Level	Comments and	HCPCS Crosswalk	
		_	Examples (not all-		
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Lightning		<u>خالہ</u>		A0427/A0433	
Electrocution		ALS		A0427/A0433	
Near drowning	ay co ed sine ar	ALC		A0427/A0433	
	drowning event				
Eye injuries	Acute vision loss or blurring, severe	BLS		A0429	
	pain or chemical exposure,				
	penetrating, severe lid lace				
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Sexual assault	With minor or no injuries	BLS		A0429	

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Examples (not all-

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Condition (Specific)

Condition (General)

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Cardiac/hemodynai	mic	ALS	Expectation	A0426		
monitoring required	d en		monitoring is needed			
route			before and after			
			transport.			
Advanced airway		ALS	Ventilator	A0426, A0434		
management			dependent, apnea			
			monitor, possible			
)hs		intubation needed,			
Chemical resu		A	er	1000		
		_	instructions			
Suctioning required	en	BLS	Per transfer	A0428		
route, need for titra	ated		instructions			
O2 therapy or live	id					
management						
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Third party		BLS	Does not apply to	A0428		
assistance/attendar	nt		patient capable of			
required to apply,			self-administration of			
administer, or regul	late or		portable or home			
adjust oxygen en ro	ute.		O2. Patient must			
			require oxygen			
			therapy and be so			
			frail as to require			
			assistance.			

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	Condition (General)	Condition (Specific)	Service Level	Comments and Examples (not all- inclusive)	HCPCS Crosswalk		
	Patient safety: Danger to self or others – in restraints.		BLS	Refer to definition in 42 CFR Section 482.13(e).	A0428		
	Patient safety and to self or other monitoring	bs	BLS	British risk uch t patient uire momenting for safety.	A0428		
(Ur	Patient safety: Danger to self or others – seclusion (flight risk).		RE	Behavioral or cognitive risk such that patient requires at a dame to a sure patent result as no try to exceed ambulance prematurely. Refer to 42 CFR Section 482.13(f) for definition.	A0428	on	

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	Condition (General)	Condition (Specific)	Service Level	Comments and Examples (not all- inclusive)	HCPCS Crosswalk	
	Patient safety: Risk of falling off wheelchair or stretcher while in motion (not related to obesity).	bs	BLS	Patient's physical condition is such that patient risks injury during vehicle movement depite ratio. In ect incutors incode	A0428	
(Ur	Special handling en route – isolation.		BLS	Includes patients with communicable diseases or hazardous ma	A0428	on)

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Condition (Ger	neral) Condition (Specif	fic) Service Level	Comments and Examples (not all- inclusive)	HCPCS Crosswalk	
Special handling e to reduce pain – orthopedic device		BLS	Backboard, halotraction, use of pins and traction etc. Pain may be present.	A0428	
– positionir equ		Re	Reconsplant of a sid in ther injury such as when a grade a decubition buttocks). Generally does not apply to shorter transfers of < 1 lour. Portioning in which char or standard car so inappropriate due to contractures or recent extremity fractures — post-op hip as an example.		on)

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Alaska Medicaid Ground Ambulance Criteria Transport Indicators

Transportation Indicators Air and Ground	Transportation Category	Transportation Indicator Description	Service Level	Comments and Examples (not all inclusive)	HCPCS Crosswalk
C2	Inter-facility transport	Service not available at originating facility, and must meet one or more emergency or non-emergency conditions.	BLS, ALS		A0428, A0429, A0426, A0427, A0433
C3	Emergency Trauma Dispatch Condition Code	Major incident or mechanism of injury. Major Incident-This transportation indicator is to be used ONLY as a secondary code when the on-scene encounter is a Elevel patient.	ALS	Trapped in machinery, close proximity to explosion, building fire with persons reported inside, major incident involving aircraft, but subway, metro, train and vercraft. Victim entrapped in	A0427/A0433
C4	Medical ecessary transport not to t nearest facing	E or ALS pole licate: C er/In mediary tm n a la provia dically necessary transport, but that the number of miles on the Medicare claim form may be excessive.	J S/	showing the facility is continuous the particular state is not able at the time of transport only. In these instances the ambulance units should clearly document why the beneficiary was not transported to nearest facility.	
C5	BLS Ispo AL. vel patient	This transport by a BLS-level ambulance. This transportation indicator is used for ALL situations where a BLS-level ambulance treats and transports a patient that presents an ALS-level condition. No ALS-level assessment or intervention occurs at all during the patient encounter.	Cys V		042

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C6	ALS-level response to BLS-level patient	ALS response required based upon appropriate dispatch protocols – BLS-level patient transport. Indicates to Carrier/Intermediary that an ALS-level ambulance responded appropriately based upon the information received at the time the call was received in dispatch and after a clinically appropriate ALS-aussment was performed on sections the tiens was at LS In These lains of) le	te	A0427
		Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule.			
C7	de	In particular indication in particular in a non-eme int situation primarily because the patient requires monitoring of ongoing medications administered intravenously. Does not apply to self-administered medications. Does not include administration of crystalloid intravenous fluids (i.e., Normal Saline, Lactate Ringers, 5% Dextrose in Water, etc.). The patient's condition should also be reported on the claim with a code selected from	ALS	Does not apply to self-adjusted dicatus.	Or

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