

DETERMINING THE CONVERSION FACTOR

Step 1 1998 total number of ambulance reimbursements coded to new levels of service.

Step 2 Total volume of Ground Ambulance transports X Respective RVUs

Level of Service		RVU		
BLS	X	1.00	=	A
BLS Emergency	X	1.60	=	B
ALS 1	X	1.20	=	C
ALS 1 Emergency	X	1.90	=	D
ALS 2	X	2.75	=	E
SCT	X	3.25	=	F
PI	X	1.75	=	G

Step 3 Add products of all levels of service (A + B + C + D + E + F + G) = Total RVUs.

Step 4 Total allowed amount for all ambulance services

$$\begin{array}{r} - \\ \hline \text{Total allowed air ambulance services} \\ \hline \text{Total amount for ground ambulance services} \end{array}$$

Step 5 Total amount for ground ambulance services

$$\begin{array}{r} - \\ \hline \text{Total ground mileage charges} \\ \hline \text{Allowed amount for ground ambulance} \end{array}$$

Step 6 Allowed amount for ground ambulance + Inflation Factor = CF

Total RVUs

CF = \$170.54