

- **Senior Citizens' Ambulance Assistance Program**, caps fees at \$275 per ambulance trip (within the province) for those 65 years and over.
- **Family Health Benefits and Supplementary Health Benefits programs MAY** provide emergency transport (no tests or returns). Coverage/authorization must be in place **PRIOR** to transport. Dependent on level of coverage.
- **Workers' Compensation and Saskatchewan Government Insurance** will provide coverage for most calls/transfers If you have been injured at work or are involved in a motor vehicle accident
- **First Nations Inuit Health Branch** covers patients with a Treaty number for emergency calls or stat transfer to a higher level of care. **Authorization is required PRIOR** to all non-urgent transport.



**In an EMERGENCY or LIFE-THREATENING situation , call 911.**

*This includes, but is not limited to, situations such as:*

- Chest discomfort
- Possible Broken bones
- Sudden, severe headaches
- Trouble breathing
- Cuts that won't stop bleeding and may require stitching
- Feeling Suicidal
- Babies and young children with high temperatures
- Pregnant women with conditions not normal to pregnancy like unusual pain or bleeding
- Abdominal pain
- Stroke Symptoms



Call **811** or visit **www.healthlineonline.ca** to access free medical advice or mental health and addictions support from healthcare professionals 24 hours a day.

*For more information about this or other services of the Kelsey Trail Health Region contact the Regional Office at 306-873-6600 or visit our website [www.kelseytrailhealth.ca](http://www.kelseytrailhealth.ca)*

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# Patient Charges for Ambulance Transport



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## Ambulance Transfer Fees

In Saskatchewan, **all patients are responsible for ambulance transport charges.** This includes:

- Emergency calls
- Medical alarms
- Transfers to higher level of care
- Transfers to lower level of care
- Transfers to medical appointments

This pamphlet provides further information about transfer fees.

## In-Province

For individuals covered under SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH, there is **NO** provision for coverage of Ambulance services. Patients are responsible for these Ambulance costs and will be billed directly for these services.

## Fees

The current road Ambulance transfer fee structure is as follows. *Fees are subject to change without notice.*

<b>Base Charge BLS</b>	<b>\$245</b>
<b>Base charge ALS</b>	<b>\$325</b>
<b>Mileage</b> (roundtrip)	<b>\$2.30/km</b>
<b>Wait Charge</b>	<b>\$60-100/hour</b>
<b>RN/DR Escort Fee</b>	<b>\$30/hour</b>

## Out-of-Province

Out-of-province clients are responsible for full ambulance costs incurred.

## Out of Province Fees

Out-of-province fees are as follows:

<b>Base Charge</b>	<b>\$360</b>
<b>Mileage</b>	<b>\$3.05/km</b>
<b>Wait Charge</b>	<b>\$100/hour</b>
<b>RN/DR Escort Fee</b>	<b>\$30/hour</b>

## Saskatchewan Air Ambulance/STARS

Patients will be charged a \$385 deductible plus road ambulance charges to and from airports. Depending on the situation, there may be fire department charges as well.

## RN/Physician escort

When a Nurse or Physician is required to accompany the transfer, there will be an additional \$30/hour charge submitted by the hospital and invoiced to the patient.

## Senior

Saskatchewan seniors (65 years or older) being transported by **ROAD** ambulance are responsible for a deductible of \$275. The government will cover the rest of the fees. This does not apply to seniors with a valid First Nations Treaty Card.

## Insurance Coverage

If you have other coverage (Blue Cross, Social Services, Group Medical Services, Veteran Affairs) these charges may be covered or reimbursed to the patient.

## Return Transfers

Patients being returned to their home health facility for convalescence are the responsibility of their home ambulance service and will be charged according to the home ambulance service rates.

## Wait Times

Patients are charged wait times when crews are required to stay with them before admission or during tests if that time exceeds 30 minutes. If patients return to their home hospital by ambulance the same day they are not billed an additional transfer charge however they will be billed for the wait time incurred.

## Exceptions

In some cases, patients may have all or part of their ambulance transport charges covered. Exceptions include the following:

- Patients being transferred to another facility for the **same level of care** due to lack of available beds at home hospital or similar causes will not be billed.