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Nevada EMS In Crisis!

Unsustainable reimbursement for life-saving emergency medical services coupled with rising costs have put a substantial strain on ambulance providers, America's public health safety net. Support EMS access through fair reimbursement for first responders!

How Legislators Can Help EMS Today

US Congress		Federal & State Officials	State Legislature & Medicaid Office
Renew Medicare Add-Ons	**Preserve Veterans Access to Care**	**Inclusive EMS Grants**	**Support Medicaid-Medicare Parity in Your State**
Cosponsor H.R. 1666 / S. 1673 to extend the bonus payments for EMS providers beyond 12/31/24. Time is running out!	Cosponsor S. 2757 / H.R. 5530 to ensure that EMS continues to be fairly compensated for VA transports.	Ensure that workforce and equipment grants from the federal and state governments are open to all provider types.	Reimbursement for caring for Medicaid patients can lag even behind Medicare. Support sustainability efforts in your state!

Skyrocketing Costs for EMS Providers in Nevada

Although reimbursement from Medicare and other payers remains stagnant, ambulance mobile healthcare providers are facing skyrocketing costs. Many ambulance services struggle to keep their doors open.

Rising Wages

24%↑ 12%↑

EMT Paramedic

Avg. Hourly Wage	EMTs	Paramedics
2021 Rate	$16.10	$25.68
2023 Rate	$19.89	$28.88

EMS faces a chronic staffing shortage as reimbursement shortfalls have not allowed ambulance services to pay emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics competitive wages. We cannot stop the flow of first responders out of this profession without sustainable funding. SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

# of EMS Professionals 7,910
SOURCE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE EMS OFFICIALS

Fuel

35%↑

In the West Coast (PADD 5) of the United States, which includes Nevada, the average cost of regular gasoline rose from $3.34 per gallon in 2019 to $4.51 per gallon in 2023, representing a 35% increase. SOURCE: US ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Medical Supplies

12%↑

EMS agencies report an increase in costs of 12%, on average, for supplies 2019–2022, with no end in sight. SOURCE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMTS EMS ECONOMIC & OPERATIONAL MODELS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ambulance Chassis costs are also up 25–50% over the same time period.

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Ambulance Reimbursement Remains Flat

Access to care is threatened as Medicare rates remain stagnant despite rising costs. EMS needs YOUR support to keep services rolling.

Medicare Reimbursement	BLS Emergency (A0429)	ALS Emergency (A0427)
2019 Rural Rate	$382.30	$453.98
2024 Rural Rate	$448.98	$533.17
Average Annual Inflation Adjustment	**3.5%**	**3.5%**

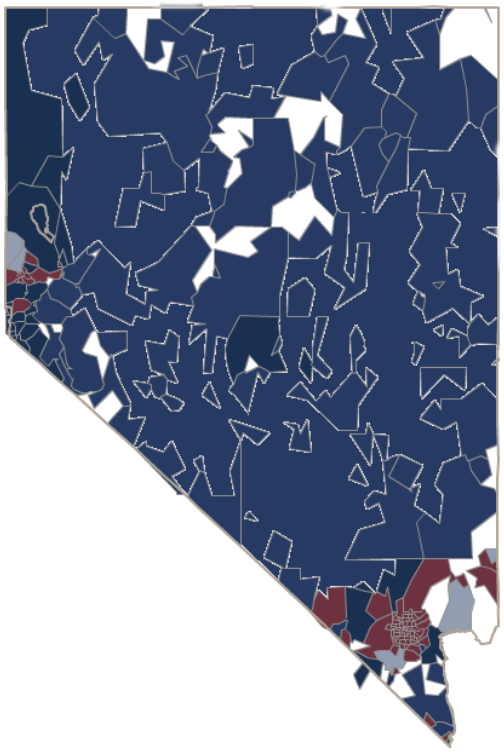
Medicaid Reimbursement	BLS Emergency	ALS Emergency
2019 Rate	$187.58	$247.00
2023 Rate	$187.58	$247.00
Change Adjusted for Inflation	**0.00%**	**0.00%**

Medicare Add-Ons are Essential

The Medicare Ambulance Add-Ons are critically important to ambulance suppliers/providers in Nevada. The map shows that while there are urban areas in the state, a substantial number of ambulance providers are in rural areas and super rural areas. All ambulance providers in Nevada rely upon these add-ons.

	Super-Rural	Rural	Urban
Medicare Add-Ons Through 12/31	22.6%	3.0%	2.0%
H.R. 1666 proposed	22.6%	3.0%	2.0%
S. 1673 proposed	26.7%	4.3%	3.4%

Map Legend	
Urban areas	Red
Rural areas	Dark Blue
Super Rural	Blue
Data Unavailable	Light Blue



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Ambulance Deserts: 100.0% of Nevada Counties Impacted

17 of Nevada's 17 counties (100.0%) have an ambulance desert, which is defined by places or people that are 25 minutes or more away from an ambulance station. SOURCE: MAINE RURAL HEALTH RESEARCH CENTER

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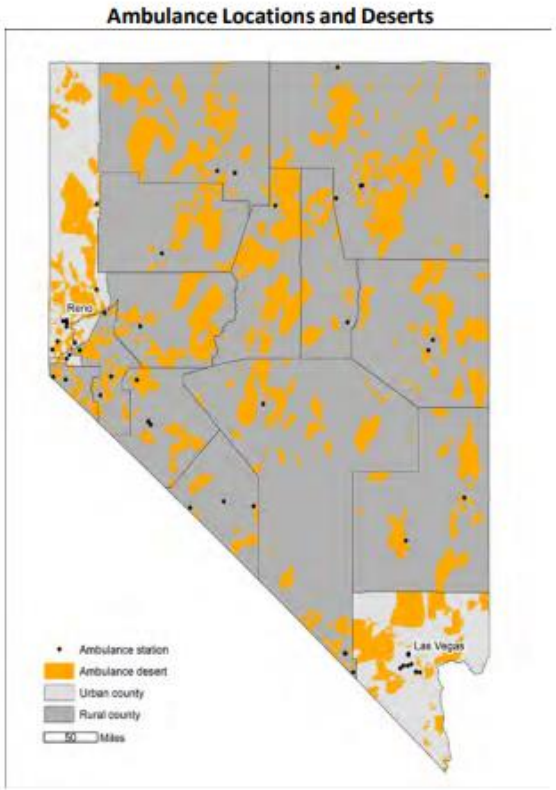

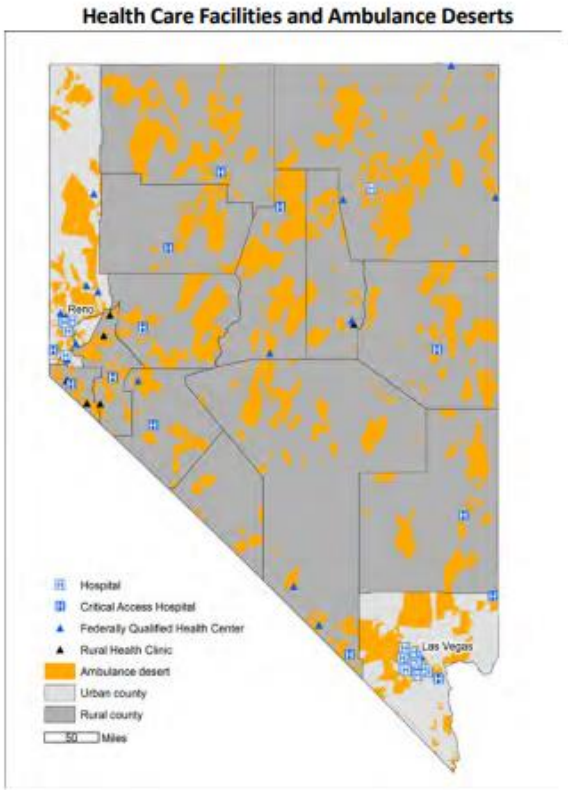

Ambulance stations	Ambulance desert population		Rural county ambulance desert population		
n	n	% of state pop.	n	% of rural county pop.	% of total desert pop.
55	110,933	3.6%	36,640	12.7%	33.0%

Data sources: Nevada Health Workforce Research Center; Esri; US Census Bureau; Health Resources & Services Administration; USDA Economic Research Service.