

# The reality of emergency transportation in the U.S.

With the cost of transportation increasing and access to emergency care decreasing, employers and employees are feeling the impact.

## Cost



**\$69K**

average cost for air ambulance <sup>1</sup>



**\$2K**

average cost for ground ambulance <sup>1</sup>



**+35%**

billed cost increase over past 5 years, while utilization has remained flat <sup>2</sup>

### Did you know?

All EMS bills include codes for mileage and ride severity. But bills can expand with **24+ additional codes** for things like: <sup>3</sup>



Life support services



Disposable supplies



IVs and more

## Access



**100+**

hospitals have closed in the last 5 years, even as the need for care increased during the pandemic <sup>3</sup>



**1 in 8**

hospitals are currently at risk of closing <sup>3</sup>



**Ride time**

increases as hospitals close, and facility proximity moves farther away from home <sup>3</sup>

## Impact



**1 in 15**

U.S. families require an ambulance each year <sup>2</sup>



**1 in 3**

caregiving families require an ambulance each year <sup>2</sup>



**65+**

cohort increases dramatically over next few years, leading to increase in cost and utilization, too <sup>2</sup>

### Did you know?

An ambulance ride occurs once for every 7 pairs of eyeglasses or contacts worn. <sup>2</sup>



## Interested in learning more?

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Sources:  
 1. MASA claims data compiled in Jan. 2024  
 2. Milliman data compiled Dec. 2023  
 3. Cherrystone Hill Consulting, 2024

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