



Advanced Medical Transport

of Central Illinois

Save Lives. It's what we do.

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Dear Congressman LaHood,

AMT is the premier provider of emergency and scheduled ambulance services in Central and Western Illinois, including the 18th District. As a private, not-for-profit organization operated for community benefit and governed by a Board of Directors, we are conscious of initiatives which will assist us in our mission, "To deliver consistently outstanding, value-based health and community care."

The Non-Emergency Ambulance Transportation Sustainability and Accountability (NEATSA) Act is an initiative which our dedicated staff fully supports in order for us to continue to meet our mission. This legislation is needed to ensure that we are not faced with an unnecessary and unsustainable rate decrease in October 2018. Although the offset included in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 was needed to cover the cost of the five-year extension of the Medicare ground ambulance add-on payments, this offset was not targeted to those providers who have lower costs associated with the specified type of ambulance transports.

We support modification of this offset as it is necessary to ensure that the reduction is distributed among ambulance providers based on the percentage of a provider's business which involves the lower cost transports. AMT provides 911 and unscheduled non-emergency EMS to our communities, therefore we are required to staff our operation 24/7.

By modifying this offset, AMT will be able to continue to provide such services to the communities we serve without facing another reimbursement challenge. As you know, Medicare reimbursement is currently lower than our costs to perform service and Illinois Medicaid reimbursement is a fraction of Medicare.

Again, thank you for your leadership for our industry and our District.

Andrew Rand
Chief Executive Officer