

GAO RELEASES REPORT ON AMBULANCE PROVIDER COSTS AND MEDICARE MARGINS

The US Government Accountability Office (GAO) has released a 46 page report on ambulance provider costs and Medicare margins, as required by the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. This report updates the GAO's 2007 report, and examines three themes: (1) 2010 ground ambulance providers' costs for furnishing transports

(2) The relationship between 2010 Medicare payments and ground ambulance providers' costs

(3) Medicare beneficiaries' use of ground ambulance transports in 2010.

To view the report go to <http://www.nasemso.org/documents/GAOAmbulanceReport100312.pdf>