

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Section 1011: Federal Reimbursement of Emergency Health Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens

This fact sheet informs ambulance services, hospitals including Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), physicians, and Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities in specific states that funds remain available for certain emergency health services provided to undocumented aliens. As of February 2013, the Section 1011 program disbursed \$945.5 million in provider payments in response to over 1.5 million payment requests.

As of May 22, 2013, 28 states exhausted their Section 1011 funds. Providers located in these states should stop submitting Section 1011 payment requests.

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wisconsin

For the most current list of states that exhausted payment under the Section 1011 program, visit <https://www.novitas-solutions.com/section1011/program/spent.html> on the Internet or scan the Quick Response (QR) code on the right with your mobile device. For Section 1011 News and Alerts, visit <https://www.novitas-solutions.com/section1011/alert-archive.html> on the Internet.



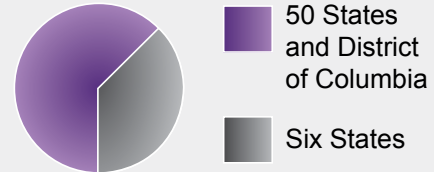
If you are a provider in a state with remaining funds, you may determine the approximate amount of funds remaining after each quarterly payment. For more information on quarterly payments, visit the “Quarterly Section 1011 Program Payments” at <https://www.novitas-solutions.com/section1011/program/paymenthistory.html> on the Internet.

How Did the Section 1011 Program Allocate Funds?

The Section 1011 program allocated funds by state, with one-third of the total funds divided among the six states with the largest number of undocumented alien apprehensions and two-thirds divided among all 50 states and the District of Columbia, based upon their relative percentages of the total number of undocumented alien residents. Refer to Figure 1: State Allocations for the Section 1011 Program.

For more information about annual state allocations, visit <https://www.novitas-solutions.com/section1011/program/paymenthistory.html> on the Internet.

Two-thirds of the funds are divided among all 50 states and the District of Columbia, based on their relative percentage of undocumented aliens.



One-third of the funds are divided among the six states with the largest number of undocumented aliens for each Fiscal Year.

Figure 1: State Allocations for the Section 1011 Program

Am I Eligible to Enroll in the Section 1011 Program?

The Section 1011 program may include payments for the following providers:

- Ambulance service providers;
- Hospitals, including CAHs;
- Indian Health Service facilities; and
- Physicians.

Physicians and ambulance service providers do not need to enroll in the Medicare Program to enroll in the Section 1011 program.

How Do I Enroll in the Section 1011 Program?

You may enroll in the Section 1011 program by submitting an application to Novitas Solutions, Inc., which is currently the national contractor for the Section 1011 program.

Novitas Solutions processes all current program enrollments. For more information, or to access the Section 1011 enrollment application, visit the Novitas Solutions website at <https://www.novitas-solutions.com/section1011> on the Internet, or contact the Section 1011 Novitas Solutions Customer Service Call Center at (866) 860-1011 (available 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST Monday through Friday).

NOTE: Medicare Claim Administration Contractors do not administer nor process Section 1011 enrollment applications or payment requests. Instead, contact Novitas Solutions, Inc., the Section 1011 national contractor, for all of your Section 1011 needs.



Which Services Does the Section 1011 Program Reimburse?

The Section 1011 program may reimburse services furnished to the following types of patients:

- Aliens paroled into a United States port of entry for the purpose of receiving eligible services;
- Mexican citizens permitted to enter the United States on a laser visa, issued in accordance with the requirements of regulations prescribed under the Immigration and Nationality Act; and
- Undocumented aliens.

Reimbursable services are the same as those required by the Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act (EMTALA), as well as related hospital inpatient, outpatient, and ambulance services. The Section 1011 program does not make payment for services reimbursed through insurance or otherwise. For more information about EMTALA, visit <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EMTALA> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

Resources

The following resources provide more information on the Section 1011 program.

Section 1011 Resources

Resource	Website and Description
Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) Guided Pathways to Medicare Resources	The MLN Educational Web Guides “MLN Guided Pathways to Medicare Resources” help providers gain knowledge on resources and products related to Medicare and the CMS website. For more information about Section 1011, refer to the “Hospitals” section in the “MLN Guided Pathways to Medicare Resources Provider Specific” booklet at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNEdWebGuide/Downloads/Guided_Pathways_Provider_Specific_Booklet.pdf on the CMS website. For all other “Guided Pathways” resources, visit http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNEdWebGuide/Guided_Pathways.html on the CMS website.
Novitas Solutions	For more information about the Section 1011 program or to enroll as a provider, visit the Novitas Solutions, Inc. website at https://www.novitas-solutions.com/section1011 on the Internet, or contact the Section 1011 Customer Service Call Center at (866) 860-1011.
“Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens” web page	For more information about Section 1011 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) and CMS’ policy for the implementation and administration of this program, visit the “Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens” web page at http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/UndocAliens on the CMS website.



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