

Billing guidelines – Treatment in Place by ambulance providers

As authorized by the Louisiana Department of Health through Informational Bulletin 20-5, ambulance providers have the option to provide **Treatment in Place (TIP) to Medicaid participants who are not experiencing an acute medical emergency.**

The **TIP** option consists of 2 components and 2 corresponding claims:

1. TIP by the ambulance provider
2. Telehealth services provided by a participating practitioner

These guidelines apply to TIP by ambulance providers.

There are 4 key requirements of a TIP claim:

1. **Valid transport codes**
 - a. A0427 ALS Level 1
 - b. A0429 BLS
2. **Approved TIP modifier** – Note that the second character must be a “W”

Modifier	Origination site	Destination
DW	Diagnostic or therapeutic site other than physicians for reproductive health (PRH)	Treat in place
EW	Residential, domiciliary, where custodial facility (other than 1819 facility)	Treat in place
GW	Hospital based in end-stage renal disease (ESRD) facility	Treat in place
HW	Hospital	Treat in place
IW	Site of transfer between modes of ambulance transport	Treat in place
JW	Freestanding ESRD facility	Treat in place
NW	Skilled nursing facility	Treat in place
PW	Physician’s office	Treat in place
RW	Residence	Treat in place
SW	Scene of accident or acute event	Treat in place

3. **Supply codes** (if applicable)
 - a. A0382 BLS Disposable Supplies
 - b. A0398 ALS Disposable Supplies
4. **Treatment refusal code** (when applicable)
 - a. G2022 Beneficiary Refuses Services
 - b. Billed on the transport claim with same modifiers as transport services

Notes

- Mileage is not payable on a TIP claim
- If the patient experiences a real-time deterioration in their clinical condition necessitating immediate transport to an emergency department, the ambulance provider shall bill only for the emergency department transport, not TIP