

## **MAINECARE RATE STUDY ([Adobe PDF](#))\***

### **PAYMENT COMPARISON**

- Report shows that Maine is in the middle of New England states for reimbursement amount. Joe will get the chart showing reimbursement amounts.
- However, Maine has higher costs per run because fewer runs, and longer runs in rural areas – higher reimbursement is needed to cover fixed costs of readiness.
- Maine is more like Vermont, which pays 80% of Medicare rate.

### **COST COMPARISON**

- Indiana data used because they did not attempt to gather Maine ambulance data. Rick Petrie will research The method used for Indiana cost study, and apply it to some examples in Maine.
- Hospital based ambulance costs for Maine are not relevant because they are paid under a different model – Mainecare pays costs for CAH.
- Report concludes that non-hospital ambulances are paid 42-61% of Medicare rate, which is the point we have been stressing. This low reimbursement is not fair or sustainable for ambulance services, especially with high Mainecare patient load.
- MAA should meet with Gov. Office to discuss the report findings, and then ambulance services can contact local legislators.

## **COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE RESEARCH ([Adobe PDF](#))\***

- Report provides a good summary of programs in other states.
- Maine EMS needs to develop a scope of service that does not impinge on home care services. Rick and Joe will discuss the issue with EMS Board at next meeting.
- Mainecare program can then use this definition for reimbursement