STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Nebraska

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

AMBULANCE

Payment for ambulance services will be the lowest of -

- The provider's submitted charges;
- 2. The provider's customary charge as determined by Medicare or Medicaid;
- 3. The prevailing charge for providers of like specialty and locality as determined by Medicare or Medicaid; or
- 4. Maximum allowable fees established by the Department.

Medicare customary and prevailing charge determinations used by the Nebraska Department of Social Services are those calculated by Medicare and defined as follows for purposes of the limits described above:

- 1. Medicare customary charges are those established on the basis of the provider's billed charges in the appropriate base period; and
- 2. Medicare prevailing charges are the unadjusted prevailing charges established on the basis of billed charges.

Medicaid customary and prevailing charge determinations are those established by the Department.

The new Medicare charges will become effective on the same date as the updated Medicaid charges.

OTHER MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Payment for other medical transportation is based on the authorized rate per trip.