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Medicare increases the Ambulance Inflation Factor by three (3%) percent.

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On November 2, 2004, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that the Ambulance Inflation Factor will be increased by three (3%) percent. All ambulance services will receive this increase. The increased cost to the Medicare program will be one hundred million dollars.

The Ambulance Inflation Factor is applied to both the fee schedule portion of the blended payment amount and to the reasonable charge or cost portion of the blended payment amount separately for each ambulance provider or supplier. Then, these two amounts are added together to determine the total payment amount for each provider or supplier.