

**142.318 Assessment on ground ambulance service providers.**

- (1) A ground ambulance provider shall pay an assessment to the department in an amount established by the Department for Medicaid Services under KRS 205.5602.
- (2) The payment of the assessment shall be made at the same time and in the same manner as in KRS 142.323.
- (3)
  - (a) In addition to any penalty assessed under KRS 131.180 and the interest assessed under KRS 131.183, the department, in coordination with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, may require a ground ambulance provider that fails to pay an assessment required by this section to pay an additional penalty to the department.
  - (b) The department, in consultation with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, may promulgate administrative regulations to establish the additional penalty.
- (4) The assessment shall not be implemented until after the Department for Medicaid Services receives notice of federal matching funds approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- (5) All assessments and all penalties and fees related to those assessments shall be deposited in the ambulance service assessment fund established in KRS 205.5603.
- (6) A ground ambulance provider shall not increase charges or add a surcharge to ground transport fees based on, or as a result of, the assessment paid to the department.

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