2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Ground Ambulance and Patient Billing

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Health and Human Services	2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Committee on Ground Ambulance and Patient Billing	84635

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/16/2023	11/16/2025	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	Yes	Enacted

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
Section 117 of the No Surprises Act, enacted in div. BB, tit. I of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260	12/27/2020	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open	0	17b. Closed	0	17c. Partially Closed	0	Other Activities	0	17d. Total	0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	$0.00	$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	$0.00	$0.00
18e. Total Costs	$0.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

In September 2024, the Committee's Report was delivered to the Secretaries of HHS, Labor and the Treasury as required by Section 117 of the No Surprises Act. The Report was also delivered to relevant Congressional Committees and the Library of Congress. The delivery of the the Committee's Report and completed the statutorily

defined purpose of the GAPB Advisory Committee. This report is available on the GAPB Committee's website hosted on CMS.gov. This Committee is now inactive.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

A. The 17 Members were selected by from a pool of 52 nominees obtained through a solicitation strategy employing the HHS' press office, CMS' Ambulance Open Door Forum listserv, and the Department of Transportation Emergency Medical Services listserv to broadly reach potential candidates representing diverse perspectives in the industry. Members were selected based on alignment with the membership categories required under Section 117 of the No Surprises Act, their professional qualifications, recognition by the ground ambulance and emergency medical services community, years of relevant experience, experience with State or Federal committees on related issues, and expertise in subject matter to be addressed by the committee. Consideration was given to factors in the membership balance plan, which included the ability to address health equity issues pertaining to ground ambulance consumer balance billing, and ground ambulance services in underserved communities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee meeting are held up to 3 times annually.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Advisory Committee was authorized specifically for this scope and purpose. There are no other Federal Advisory Committees for this

scope and purpose.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?
Meetings are to be open to the public, except as determined otherwise by the Secretaries or other officials to whom the authority has been delegated in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)) and section 10(d) of the FACA.

21. Remarks
This Committee is now inactive. During the 3rd public meeting of the Committee (held October 31 and November 1 of 2023) at which the Committee voted on its Recommendations to the Secretaries. the Committee completed its Report in April 2024. In September 2024, the Committee's Report was delivered to the Secretaries of HHS, Labor and the Treasury as required by Section 117 of the No Surprises Act. The Report was also delivered to relevant Congressional Committees and the Library of Congress. The delivery of the the Committee's Report fulfills the statutorily defined purpose of the GAPB Advisory Committee. This report is available on the GAPB Committee's website hosted on CMS.gov.

Designated Federal Officer
Shaheen Halim DFO

Narrative Description
The No Surprises Act required the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Labor, and the Treasury (the Secretaries) to establish and convene an advisory committee for the purpose of: 1) reviewing options to improve the disclosure of charges and fees for ground ambulance services, 2) better informing consumers of

insurance options for such services, and 3) protecting consumers from balance billing under enforcement authorities of the three Departments and State authorities, and 3) the prevention of balance billing to consumers. The public comment and discussion during public meetings informed the 21 recommendations that were ultimately adopted by the Committee and which are contained in its Report to the Secretaries. This Report provided feedback to the 3 Departments on how to better inform consumers on ground ambulance charges, fees and insurance options, and protecting consumers from balance billing for ground ambulance services.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	✓
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	
Advance in scientific research	
Effective grant making	
Improved service delivery	
Increased customer satisfaction	✓
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	
Other	✓

Outcome Comments

The GAPB Committee must issue a report to the Secretaries of the Departments of HHS, Labor, and Treasury with options to prevent consumer balance billing for ground ambulance services, including legislative and enforcement options.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	✓
Unable to Determine	
Under $100,000	
$100,000 - $500,000	
$500,001 - $1,000,000	

$1,000,001 - $5,000,000 ☐
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000 ☐
Over $10,000,000 ☐
Cost Savings Other ☐

Cost Savings Comments
N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
21

Number of Recommendations Comments
The GAPB Committee must issue a report to the Secretaries of the Departments of HHS, Labor, and Treasury that will include all or some of the recommendations received thus far.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
The Committee is Tasked with issuing recommendations, not implementing them. There is no required action for the Secretaries with respect to the recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?
0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments
The Committee is Tasked with issuing recommendations, not implementing them. There is no required action for the Secretaries with respect to the recommendations.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☑

Agency Feedback Comments
The public can find information on the committee website:

https://www.cms.gov/medicare/regulations-guidance/advisory-committees/advisory-committee-g

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments

The GAPB Committee must issue a report to the Secretaries of the Departments of HHS, Labor, and Treasury with options to prevent consumer balance billing for ground ambulance services, including legislative and enforcement options.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	☑
Online Agency Web Site	☑
Online Committee Web Site	☑
Online GSA FACA Web Site	☑
Publications	☐
Other	☐

Access Comments

N/A