The Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model is a voluntary 5-year CMS payment model that provides greater flexibility and new payments to ambulance care teams for Medicare beneficiaries.

ET3 Model Goals
- Encourage appropriate utilization of emergency medical services
- Increase efficiency in the EMS system
- Provide person-centered care at the most appropriate care level

ET3 Model intervention (Notice of Funding Opportunity)
A health care professional discusses health concern(s) and may refer the individual to a community resource and/or divert the caller from ambulance services/emergency department (ED) if appropriate

Standard intervention
Ambulance transports to a covered destination (e.g., ED)
Ambulance suppliers and providers paid based on the ambulance fee schedule

ET3 Model intervention
Ambulance transports to alternative destination (e.g., urgent care)
Ambulance suppliers and providers paid based on level of service provided (BLS-E or ALS1-E rate), plus mileage and applicable adjustments

ET3 Model intervention
A qualified health care practitioner provides treatment in place either on site or via telehealth
Ambulance suppliers and providers paid based on level of service provided (BLS-E or ALS1-E rate); qualified health care practitioners paid current Medicare Fee-for-Service rate, including adjustment for care delivered after hours

Who can participate?

Eligible to Apply
- Apply via Request for Applications (RFA)
- Apply via Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Ambulance Suppliers and Providers
Medicare-enrolled ambulance suppliers and providers

911 Dispatches
Local governments, their designees, or other entities that operate or have authority over one or more 911 dispatches

Essential Partners
Partner with participating ambulance suppliers and providers

Alternative Destinations
Destinations such as urgent care centers, primary care offices, community or behavioral health centers

Qualified Health Care Practitioners
Medicare-enrolled practitioners who meet all requirements to deliver health care services either on-site or via telehealth

For more information on the ET3 Model, please visit https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ET3/