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CITY of WEST ALLIS
FIRE DEPARTMENT

May 5, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor Devine and Members of the Common Council
From: Chief Mason J. Pooler
Date: December 5, 2017
Re: Recommendation for Changes in Ambulance Fees

Recently, the Milwaukee County Association of Fire Chiefs (MCAFC) reviewed countywide ambulance fees to assure that rates are in line with current economic issues, Medicare reimbursements levels, and to measure consistency across the county. Additionally, I asked Life Quest, Inc., our ambulance billing agent, to determine whether our costs for service were similar to other communities across the state.

In the past, ambulance billing rates in Milwaukee County were determined by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council (ICC, comprised of mayors and village presidents,) however, the ICC has recently given the MAFC the authority to set the ambulance rates in their own communities. After many discussions at MAFC meetings, determining a standard billing rate across the county could not be achieved. However, the rates recommended before you tonight are the same as several of the other larger communities in the county.

For your review, I've attached Life Quest's rate survey of comparable cities, as well as a spreadsheet with our current rate and proposed rate increase.

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners voted to approve the rates as outlined at their meeting on November 16, 2017.

I will be available to address any of your concerns. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

West Allis Fire Department 2017 Rate Survey BLS

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BLS - Resident	\$725.00	\$900.00	\$700.00	\$803.00	\$556.41	\$600.00	\$714.07
BLS - Non Resident	\$925.00	\$1,050.00	\$800.00	\$864.00	\$695.51	\$750.00	\$847.42
Mileage - Resident	\$25.00	\$17.00	\$15.50	\$15.75	\$17.02	\$17.02	\$17.88
Mileage - Non Resident	\$25.00	\$17.50	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$17.02	\$17.02	\$18.26
BLS On Scene Care - Res.	\$400.00	N/C	\$300.00	\$762.00	\$111.29	NA	\$393.32
BLS On Scene Care - Non Res.	\$400.00	N/C	\$425.00	\$762.00	\$166.92	\$200.00	\$390.78
Oxygen	\$75.00	\$71.00	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$88.80	\$82.00	\$79.20
Spinal Immobilization	\$140.00	\$160.00	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$138.61	\$150.00	\$147.15
Gloves	N/S/R	N/S/R	B/D/P	B/D/P	N/C	\$2.00	\$2.00

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ALS1 - Resident	\$1,025.00	\$1,000.00	\$875.00	\$1,074.00	\$769.45	\$734.21	\$912.94
ALS1 - Non Resident	\$1,225.00	\$1,250.00	\$975.00	\$1,101.00	\$867.41	\$867.41	\$1,047.64
ALS2 - Resident	\$1,025.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,390.00	\$1,911.00	\$845.75	\$845.75	\$1,186.25
ALS2 - Non Resident	\$1,225.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,490.00	\$1,911.00	\$1,000.61	\$1,000.61	\$1,321.20
Mileage ALS - Resident	\$25.00	\$17.00	\$15.50	\$15.75	\$17.02	\$16.24	\$17.75
Mileage - ALS Non Resident	\$25.00	\$17.50	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$17.02	\$16.24	\$18.13
ALS On Scene Care - Res.	\$400.00	\$975.00	\$700.00	\$765.00	\$138.61	\$138.61	\$519.54
ALS On Scene Care - Non Res.	\$400.00	\$1,100.00	\$850.00	\$890.00	\$189.51	\$189.51	\$603.17
Oxygen	\$75.00	\$71.00	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$83.38	\$83.38	\$78.19
Spinal Immobilization	\$140.00	\$160.00	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$138.61	\$138.61	\$144.31
Defibrillation	N/S/R	N/S/R	B/D/P	B/D/P	N/S/R	\$111.54	\$111.54
IV Supplies	N/S/R	N/S/R	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$67.14	\$67.14	\$67.14
Intubation	N/S/R	N/S/R	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$83.38	\$83.38	\$83.38
ALS Disposables	N/S/R	N/S/R	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$88.80	\$88.80	\$88.80
EKG	N/S/R	N/S/R	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$111.54	\$111.54	\$111.54
Triage Wristband	N/S/R	N/S/R	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25
Cyano-Kit	N/S/R	N/S/R	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$1,000.61	\$1,000.61	\$1,000.61
CPAP Mask	N/S/R	N/S/R	B/D/P	B/D/P	\$49.81	\$49.81	\$49.81

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Item	2017	2018 Proposed
BLS service and/or treatment without transport (Resident)	\$11.29	\$13.21
BLS service and/or treatment without transport (Non-Resident)	\$166.92	\$200.00
Paramedic service and/or treatment without transport (Resident)	\$138.61	\$162.18
Paramedic service and/or treatment without transport (Non-Resident)	\$189.51	\$221.73
BLS service with transport (Resident)	\$600.00	\$720.00
BLS service with transport (Non-Resident)	\$750.00	\$877.50
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-1 (Resident)	\$769.45	\$900.26
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-2 (Resident)	\$845.75	\$989.53
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-1 (Non-Resident)	\$867.41	\$1,014.87
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-2 (Non-Resident)	\$1,000.61	\$1,170.71
Paramedic service and invasive treatment without transport (Resident)	\$138.61	\$162.18
Paramedic service and invasive treatment without transport (Non-Resident)	\$194.92	\$228.06
Defibrillation	\$111.54	\$150.00
IV and supplies	\$67.14	\$78.55
Intubation	\$83.38	\$97.56
ALS supplies	\$88.80	\$125.00
BLS Supplies	\$61.08	\$71.46
Oxygen and supplies	\$83.38	\$97.56
Mileage (rate per loaded mile)	\$17.02	\$21.00
EKG	\$111.54	\$130.50
Drugs, Group-1: Albuterol, Amioderone (30 mg), Aspirin, Atropine, Benadryl, Calcium Gluconate, Dextrose, Diazepam, Duoneb, D5W, Glucose (oral), Nitroglycerin, Sodium Normal Saline (bags & carpujet), Zofran Tabs, Zofran IV	\$35.74	\$41.81
Drugs, Group-2: Calcium Chloride, Dopamine, Epinephrine (IM or IV, not by Epi-pen), Lidocaine, Sodium Bicarbonate	\$41.15	\$48.15
Drugs, Group-3: Fentanyl, Ketamine, Medazolam, Narcan	\$53.06	\$62.08
Epinephrine by Epi-pen	\$106.13	\$124.17
Adenosine	\$99.63	\$116.56
Glucagon, up to 1 Mg	\$99.63	\$210.00
N-IO	\$133.20	\$155.84
Spinal Immobilization	\$138.61	\$162.18
Triage barcode wristbands	\$3.25	\$3.80
Cyano-kits	\$1,000.61	\$1,375.00
CPAP mask	\$49.81	\$70.00