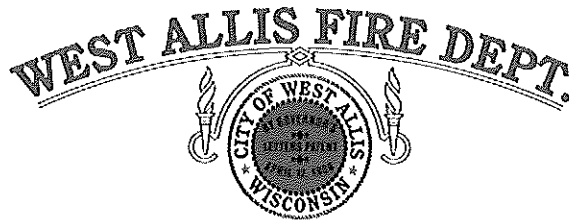




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CITY of WEST ALLIS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor and Members of the Common Council  
From: Steven J. Hook, Fire Chief   
Date: February 21, 2012  
Re: Notification of 2012 Approved ALS Billing Rates

Attached, please find a chart listing the approved countywide Advanced Life Support (ALS) billing rates for 2012. I am providing the list for your information only, and no action is required by your Council.

Advanced Life Support billing rates are determined by through work of the Emergency Medical Services committee of the Milwaukee County Association of Fire Chiefs (MCAFC) after consultation with our medical director, various local billing agents and Milwaukee County EMS staff. EMS committee recommendations were subsequently approved by the MCAFC.

After receiving MCAFC approval, the rates are submitted to the Milwaukee County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council (ICC). That group, comprised of all Milwaukee County Mayors and Village Presidents, approved the rates at their February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Once approved by the ICC, rates are set for Milwaukee County, and all municipalities who provide ALS care and transport through participation in the Milwaukee County Paramedic contract must charge the approved rates. Each municipality however, is responsible for their own billing, and therefore collection methods or strategies may vary by community.

I've submitted a similar communication to the Board of Police and Fire Commission for their information as well. I've also notified our EMS billing agent, *LifeQuest*. *LifeQuest* President, Jerry Miller has confirmed that the rates will begin as directed, on March 1, 2012.

Hopefully, I've provided sufficient information to help you understand the rate setting and collection process. If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, or my Assistant Chief of Emergency Medical Services, Steve Bane.



## Milwaukee County Association of Fire Chiefs



Milwaukee County Advanced Life Support Approved Rates, effective March 1, 2012  
Changes from 2011 rates have been highlighted.

Item	Current Rates (Since January 1, 2011)	ICC Approved Rates (Beginning March 1, 2012)
Paramedic service and/or treatment without transport (Resident)	\$120.00	\$125.00
Paramedic service and/or treatment without transport (Non-resident)	\$165.00	\$170.00
Paramedic service with transport Level -ALS-1 (Resident)	\$660.00	\$660.00
Paramedic service with transport Level -ALS-2 (Resident)	\$750.00	\$760.00
Paramedic service with transport Level -ALS-1 (Non-resident)	\$780.00	\$780.00
Paramedic service with transport Level -ALS-2 (Non-resident)	\$870.00	\$900.00
Paramedic service and invasive treatment without transport (Resident)		
Paramedic service and invasive treatment without transport (Non-resident)		
Defibrillation	\$100.00	\$100.00
IV and supplies	\$60.00	\$60.00
Intubation	\$75.00	\$75.00
ALS supplies	\$80.00	\$80.00
Oxygen and supplies	\$75.00	\$75.00
Mileage (rate per loaded mile)	\$14.50	\$14.50
EKG	\$100.00	\$100.00
Drugs, Group-1 (Albuterol, Amioderone (30 Mg), Atropine, Benadryl, Heparin Sodium by IV, Lasix, Lidocaine, Ativan, Versed, Sodium Normal Saline, Solumedrol (up to 40 MG), Terbutaline, Diazepam, Dextrose 50%, Nitro Spray SL, Normal Saline (capped), D50, D5W, Aspirin)	\$32.00	\$32.00
Drugs, Group-2 (Calcium Chloride, Epinephrine (IM or IV, not by Epi-pen), Dopamine, Lidocaine, Sodium Bicarbonate)	\$37.00	\$37.00
Drugs, Group-3 (Morphine, Narcan, Normal Saline, Fentanyl)	\$48.00	\$48.00
Epinephrine by Epi-pen	\$95.00	\$95.00
Adenosine	\$90.00	\$90.00
Glucagon, up to 1 Mg	\$90.00	\$90.00
Solmedrol, 41-125 Mg	\$58.00	\$58.00
E-Z IO	\$120.00	\$120.00
Spinal Immobilization	\$125.00	\$125.00
Triage barcode wristbands		\$3.00
Cyano-kits		\$900.00
CPAP mask		\$45.00

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The ICC sets rates for all municipalities who provide ALS care and transport through participation in the Milwaukee County Paramedic contract. All participants must charge the approved rates. Each municipality however, is responsible for their own billing, and therefore collection methods or strategies may vary by community.

*Representing Fire Chiefs from:  
Cudahy, Hales Corners, Franklin, Greendale, Greenfield, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County Airport, North Shore,  
Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, St. Francis, Wauwatosa, West Allis, Wisconsin Air National Guard*