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To: Mayor and Members of the Common Council  
From: Steven D. Bane, Fire Chief *SDB*  
Date: February 27, 2014  
Re: Notification of 2014 Approved ALS Billing Rates

Attached, please find a chart listing the approved countywide Advanced Life Support (ALS) billing rates for 2014. 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 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. Rates were increased by 1.4%, which was the CPI for healthcare. EMS committee recommendations were subsequently approved by the MCAFC at their February 5, 2014 meeting.

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, reviewed the rates at their February 10, 2014 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 should 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. *LifeQuest* has been advised to begin using the new billing rates as of March 15, 2014

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.

Item	March 2012 Rates	June 2013 Rates	Proposed 2014 Rates
Paramedic service and/or treatment without transport (Resident)	125.00	128.00	129.79
Paramedic service and/or treatment without transport (Non-Resident)	170.00	175.00	177.45
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-1 (Resident)	550.00	578.00	587.49
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-2 (Resident)	760.00	781.00	791.93
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-1 (Non-Resident)	780.00	801.00	812.21
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-2 (Non-Resident)	900.00	924.00	936.94
Paramedic service and invasive treatment without transport (Resident)	125.00	128.00	129.79
Paramedic service and invasive treatment without transport (Non-Resident)	175.00	180.00	182.52
Defibrillation	100.00	103.00	104.44
IV and supplies	60.00	62.00	62.87
Intubation	75.00	77.00	78.08
ALS supplies	80.00	82.00	83.15
Oxygen and supplies	75.00	77.00	78.08
Mileage (rate per loaded mile)	14.50	15.00	15.21
EKG	100.00	103.00	104.44
Drugs, Group-1 (Albuterol, Amiodarone (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	33.00	33.46
Drugs, Group-2 (Calcium Chloride, Epinephrine (IM or IV, not by Epi-pen), Dopamine, Lidocaine, Sodium bicarbonate)	37.00	38.00	38.53
Drugs, Group-3 (Morphine, Narcan, Normal Saline, Fentanyl)	48.00	49.00	49.59
Epinephrine by Epi-pen	95.00	98.00	99.37
Adenosine	90.00	92.00	93.29
Glucagon, up to 1 MG	90.00	92.00	93.29
SoluMedrol, 41-125 Mg	38.00	50.00	60.84
E-ZIO	120.00	123.00	124.72
Spinal Immobilization	125.00	128.00	129.79
Triage barcode wristbands	3.00	3.00	3.04
Cyano-kits	900.00	924.00	936.94
CPAP mask	45.00	46.00	46.54