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CITY of WEST ALLIS
FIRE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor and Members of the Common Council
From: Steven D. Bane, Fire Chief
Date: October 18, 2016
Re: Notification of 2017 Approved ALS Billing Rates

Attached, please find a chart listing the approved countywide Advanced Life Support (ALS) billing rates for 2017. I am providing the list for your information only, and no action is required by your Commission.

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. All but two rates were increased by 2.1%, which was the 2016 CPI for healthcare. The charge for ALS1 and Mileage were increased by 7% as these were determined to be significantly below market rates. EMS committee recommendations were subsequently approved by the MCAFC as stated in the attached letter, dated September 9, 2016.

After receiving MCAFC approval, the rates are submitted to the Milwaukee County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council (ICC) for their review. That group, comprised of all Milwaukee County Mayors and Village Presidents, were provided with the letter that is attached.

Once approved the 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 will be submitting a similar communication to the Police and Fire Commission for their information as well. *Life Quest* will be advised to begin using the new billing rates as of January 1, 2017

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.



Milwaukee County Association of Fire Chiefs



September 9, 2016

Mayor Steve Scaffidi
Chairman – Milwaukee County ICC
8040 S 6th St.
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Mayor Scaffidi,

Members of the Milwaukee County Association of Fire Chiefs that represent communities that provide advanced life support service have agreed to present the attached 2017 Fee Schedule for ALS Services to their local municipalities for consideration. While the EMS Contract with Milwaukee County does not bind the municipalities to all maintain the same fee structure, the Fire Chiefs have agreed that it is a good practice. There is no action required of the ICC. This communication is informational only.

Fees are proposed to increase for all but two services by 2.1% which is the change in the Medical Care Commodities and Medical Care Service CPI for 2016. This has been the index used to adjust rates for the past three years. The two fees with other adjustments are:

- ALS1 Resident: The current rates are considered to be below “market rates” and additional revenue opportunities exist to offset costs of providing service. An adjustment of 7% is recommended.
- Transport Mileage Rate: Again, this rate is considered to be below “market rates” and additional revenue opportunities exist to offset costs of providing the service. Recommendation is a 7% adjustment.

Respectfully,

Mark Rohlfig

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President

Representing Fire Chief's from
Cudahy – Franklin – Greendale – Greenfield – Hales Corners – Milwaukee
Milwaukee International Airport – North Shore – Oak Creek – South Milwaukee – St. Francis – Wauwatosa – West
Allis – Wisconsin Air National Guard

Item	2015	2016	2017
Paramedic service and/or treatment without transport (Resident)	133.36	135.76	138.61
Paramedic service and/or treatment without transport (Non-Resident)	182.33	185.61	189.51
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-1 (Resident)	706.40	719.11	769.45
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-2 (Resident)	813.71	828.36	845.75
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-1 (Non-Resident)	834.55	849.57	867.41
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-2 (Non-Resident)	962.70	980.03	1000.61
Paramedic service and invasive treatment without transport (Resident)	133.36	135.76	138.61
Paramedic service and invasive treatment without transport (Non-Resident)	187.54	190.92	194.92
Defibrillation	107.31	109.25	111.54
IV and supplies	64.60	65.76	67.14
Intubation	80.23	81.67	83.38
ALS supplies	85.43	86.97	88.80
Oxygen and supplies	80.23	81.67	83.38
Mileage (rate per loaded mile)	15.63	15.91	17.02
EKG	107.31	109.25	111.54
Drugs, Group-1: Albuterol, Amioderone (30 mg), Aspirin, Atropine, Benadryl, Calcium Gluconate, Dextrose, D5W, Glucose (oral), Nitroglycerin, Sodium Normal Saline (bags & carpujet), Versed, Zofran Tabs, Zofran IV	34.38	35.00	35.74
Drugs, Group-2: Calcium Chloride, Dopamine, Epinephrine (IM or IV, not by Epi-pen), Lidocaine, Sodium Bicarbonate	39.59	40.30	41.15
Drugs, Group-3: Fentanyl, Ketamine, Medazolam, Narcan	51.05	51.97	53.06
Epinephrine by Epi-pen	102.10	103.94	106.13
Adenosine	95.85	97.58	99.63
Glucagon, up to 1 Mg	95.85	97.58	99.63
Solmedrol, 41-125 Mg		63.64	64.98
E-Z IO	128.15	130.46	133.20
Spinal Immobilization	133.36	135.76	138.61
Triage barcode wristbands	3.13	3.18	3.25
Cyano-kits	962.70	980.03	1000.61
CPAP mask	47.93	48.79	49.81