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FIRE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor and Members of the Common Council
From: Steven D. Bane, Fire Chief
Date: December 16, 2014
Re: Notification of 2015 Approved ALS Billing Rates

Attached, please find a chart listing the approved countywide Advanced Life Support (ALS) billing rates for 2015. 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 2.75%, which was the 2014 CPI for healthcare. EMS committee recommendations were subsequently approved by the MCAFC as stated in the attached letter, dated November 24, 2014.

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 have submitted a similar communication to the Police and Fire Commission for their information as well. *LifeQuest* has been advised to begin using the new billing rates as of January 1, 2015

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

November 24, 2014

Mayor Steve Scaffidi
Chairman – ICC
8640 S Howell Ave
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 2015 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.

Fees are proposed to increase by 2.75% which is the change in the Medical Care Commodities and Medical Care Service CPI for 2014.

Respectfully,

Tim Saidler

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President

Item	2014 Rates	2015 Rates
Paramedic service and/or treatment without transport (Resident)	129.79	133.36
Paramedic service and/or treatment without transport (Non-Resident)	177.45	182.33
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-1 (Resident)	687.49	706.40
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-2 (Resident)	791.93	813.71
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-1 (Non-Resident)	812.21	834.55
Paramedic service with transport Level - ALS-2 (Non-Resident)	936.94	962.70
Paramedic service and invasive treatment without transport (Resident)	129.79	133.36
Paramedic service and invasive treatment without transport (Non-Resident)	182.52	187.54
Defibrillation	104.44	107.31
IV and supplies	62.87	64.60
Intubation	78.08	80.23
ALS supplies	83.15	85.43
Oxygen and supplies	78.08	80.23
Mileage (rate per loaded mile)	15.21	15.63
EKG	104.44	107.31
Drugs, Group-1: Albuterol, Amioderone (30 mg), Aspirin, Atropine, Benadryl, Dextrose, D5W, Glucose (oral), Nitroglycerin, Sodium Normal Saline (bags & carpujet), Versed	33.46	34.38
Drugs, Group-2: Calcium Chloride, Dopamine, Epinephrine (IM or IV, not by Epi-pen)	38.53	39.59
Drugs, Group-3: Fentanyl, Narcan	49.69	51.05
Epinephrine by Epi-pen	99.37	102.10
Adenosine	93.29	95.85
Glucagon, up to 1 Mg	93.29	95.85
Solmedrol, 41-125 Mg	60.84	62.51
E-Z IO	124.72	128.15
Spinal Immobilization	129.79	133.36
Triage barcode wristbands	3.04	3.13
Cyano-kits	936.94	962.70
CPAP mask	46.64	47.93