

BOARD POLICY # 02-03
Medical Services Billing Rate Schedule

Section 1. General

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to establish a service rate schedule that provides for reimbursement of emergency medical services rendered by the LaPine Rural Fire Protection District as indicated by the voters of the LaPine Rural Fire Protection District in that ambulance users shall bear the majority burden of the service cost in order to minimize general property tax burden as possible while maintaining a Paramedic level service.

Section 2. Rate Schedule

The LaPine Rural Fire Protection District for reimbursement of services is as follows:

2.1 **Advanced Life Support Base Rate**

The District charges an "All Inclusive" ALS Base Rate. There are no additional charges for supplies, medications or equipment. When a medic unit and its assigned ALS personnel provide basic life support care or advanced life support care and transport, the advanced life support base rate will be charged.

Base Rate	\$ 1325.00
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2.2 **Basic Life Support Base Rate**

The District charges an "All Inclusive" BLS Base Rate. There are no additional charges for supplies, medications or equipment. When a medic unit and its assigned BLS personnel provide basic life support care and transport, the basic life support base rate will be charged.

Base Rate	\$ 1000.00
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2.3 **Mileage Fees**

Fees for mileage reflect the distance traveled (to the nearest mile, one mile minimum) from the point of patient pick-up to the point of patient destination.
(Patient miles only)

Mileage Rate	\$ 20.00 per mile
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2.4 Aid Calls

LaPine Rural Fire Protection personnel may use the Aid Call rates whenever patients refuse transport.

- a. When there are medical complications which require advanced life support intervention and treatment that require additional time, effort or expense; the patient will be charged 50% of the appropriate Base Rate for services rendered.
- b. When a patient was evaluated and or treated not requiring advanced life support intervention as outlined above and chooses not to be transported, the patient will be charged at a rate of \$ 125.00 for services rendered.
- c. When a patient refuses evaluation and treatment no charge will be incurred.

2.5 Waiting Time

If waiting time is extra ordinarily long and constitutes unusual circumstances, waiting time will be charged. Unusual circumstances would occur when there are patient access problems or other complications requiring additional time, effort, or expense. The reason for the waiting time must be documented. Waiting time is billed in fifteen minute increments. The first thirty minutes are not billed; they are included in the base rate.

Waiting Time	\$ 50.00 per quarter hour
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2.6 Out Of District

Patients evaluated, treated or transported outside the Fire Districts established ASA will be charged an Out of District fee.

Out of District	\$ 100.00
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2.7 Pre-Arranged Standbys

All prearranged standbys are billed at an hourly rate. There is no additional charge to the person / organization requesting the standby. If a patient is treated and transported from the event, the patient will be billed in accordance to the rate schedule. Standby time is charged from the time personnel arrive at the station to prepare for the standby, until they arrive back at the station and have completed all duties related to the standby. A standby crew consists of two crewmembers with a dedicated advanced life support unit. This standby fee may be waived by the board for some non revenue community wide benefiting events.

Pre-Arranged Standby	\$ 200.00 per hour
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2.8 **Helicopter – Air Link**

The patient will be charged at the appropriate Inclusive Base Rate and mileage charges for services rendered by the ground ambulance. Patient is also directly responsible for any air medi-evac service fees.

2.9 **Rescue Services**

Rescue services if needed and will be a separate billing per Board Policy 02-02 Recovery of Costs Incurred at Transportation Emergencies and/or Specialized Rescue Involving Non-Fire District Residents

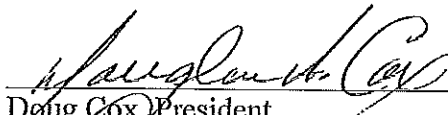
Section 3 Conflagration Responses:

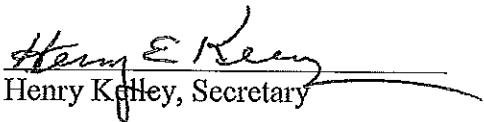
- 3.1 Conflagration Act responses and certain mutual aid responses are subject to cost recovery: However, these types of incidents are specifically excluded from this document, they are billed to the State, and have a different rate schedule.

Section 4. Billing Case Reviews:

- 4.1 Incidents that are unclear as to whether to bill or not shall be reviewed by the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief of Operations, EMS Coordinator or Office Manager for determination on a case by case basis.

Approved this 9th day of September, 2010 by a vote of yeas and nos.


Doug Cox, President


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