

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 emergency medical service 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 within the community and in accordance to District ordinances.

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 advance life support assessment and/or advanced life support care along with transport, the advanced life support base rate will be charged. This meets the Medicare ALS emergency (A0427) service code.

Base Rate	\$ 1764.00
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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 assessment and/or care along with transport, the basic life support base rate will be charged. This meets the Medicare BLS emergency (A0429) service code.

Base Rate	\$ 1439.00
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2.3 **Facility Transport Base Rate**

Per district ordinance #2019-03 the District will charge the requesting medical and/or care facility for transporting a patient from one professional care facility to another using 911 emergency resources.

Base Rate	\$ 2013.00
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2.4 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 will be charged on all transports.

Mileage Rate (Patient loaded miles only)	\$ 20.00 per mile
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2.5 Aid Calls (Non-Transport)

LaPine Rural Fire Protection District may use the Aid Call rates whenever care and/or a full assessment is provided and the patient is not transported by the fire district.

- a. When there are medical complications which require advanced life support intervention and treatment that require additional time, effort or expense; the patient or care facility 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 or care facility will be charged at a rate of \$ 125.00 for services rendered.
- c. When a patient refuses fire district EMS contact and evaluation and/or treatment no charge will be incurred.
- d. When a patient is a walk in to fire district facilities and is only evaluated and receives no definitive care (medical interventions) and is not transported, no charge will be incurred.
- e. When requested for a lift assist to a private residence more than three times in the previous year the patient may be charged at a rate of \$ 125.00 for services rendered. When request to provide a lift assist within a professional care facility the facility will be charged.

Non-Transport Rate	\$ 125.00 - \$882.00
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2.6 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/per unit
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2.7 **Non Resident and/or Out Of District**

Patients who are not residents of the LaPine Rural Fire Protection District (97739 and 97707 zip codes) who are evaluated, treated or transported be charged the Out of District fee.

Non-Resident and/or Out of District	\$ 2013.00
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2.8 **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 or facility 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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2.9 **Helicopter – Air Link/Life Flight**

The patient will be charged at the appropriate inclusive Base Rate and mileage charges for services rendered by the ground fire medics and ambulance transport. Patient is also directly responsible for any air medi-evac service fees to the agency that provided the air evacuation service.

Section 3. Rescue and/or Conflagration Responses:

3.1 **Conflagration Act and certain Mutual Aid Responses**

Conflagration act and some mutual aid responses are subject to other local, state or federal cost recovery: These types of incidents are may be excluded from this document; they may billed to the state or federal jurisdiction and may have a different rate schedule.

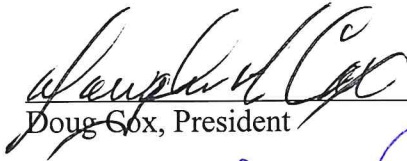
3.2 **Rescue Services**

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

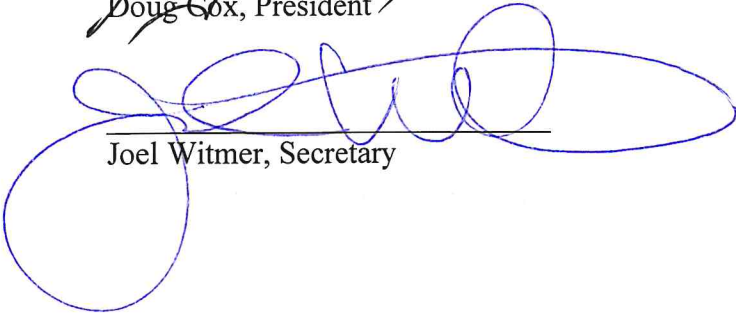
Section 4. Billing Case Reviews:

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 January, 2020 by a vote of yeas and nos.



Doug Cox, President



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