

**ORDINANCE NO. 46
OF THE RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING FEES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 31120, the Running Springs Water District has the authority to exercise any of the powers, functions, and duties which are vested in, or imposed upon, a fire protection district pursuant to the Fire Protection District Law of 1987; and

WHEREAS, the District provides ambulance services pursuant to the Fire Protection District Law of 1987, specifically Section 13862 of the Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency ("ICEMA") has approved a list of ambulance fees as set forth in Exhibit "A" incorporated herein by this reference, that are calculated so as not to exceed the estimated cost to provide ambulance services; and

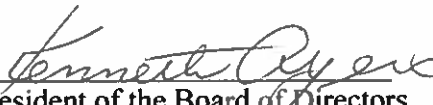
WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 13916 authorizes this District to charge a fee to cover the cost of any service which the District provides and to adopt an ordinance establishing a schedule of such fees at a meeting conducted by the Board of Directors following notice of the Board's intention to establish such fees as provided in Health and Safety Code Section 13916; and

WHEREAS, this District has provided notice of the fees set forth herein and has made available to the public, at least ten (10) days in advance hereof, the data indicating the estimated cost required to provide the services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of Running Springs Water District as follows:


1. The fees for ambulance services set forth in Exhibit "A" are hereby adopted.
2. The fees may be collected by any means available to the District.
3. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 20th day of July, 2016.



President of the Board of Directors
of Running Springs Water District

ATTEST:



Board Secretary



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency


Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties

Tom Lynch, EMS Administrator

Reza Vaezazizi, MD, Medical Director

DATE: April 21, 2016

TO: EMS Ground Transport Providers - San Bernardino County

FROM: Tom Lynch 
EMS Administrator

SUBJECT: **FY 2016-17 AMBULANCE RATE ADJUSTMENT**
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

In conformance with the "ICEMA Ground Based Ambulance Rate Setting Policy - San Bernardino County" Reference #5080 approved by the ICEMA Governing Board on May 8, 2012, the following represents ambulance rate adjustments effective July 1, 2016. The attached "Ground Ambulance Service Rate Definitions" will be utilized in the application of the rates.

| Ambulance Rate Components | Base Rate FY 2015-16 | | Increase CPI + County Comparison | | Final Rate FY 2016-17 | |
|--|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | Urban Operating Areas | Rural/ Wilderness Operating Areas | Urban Operating Areas | Rural/ Wilderness Operating Areas | Urban Operating Areas | Rural/ Wilderness Operating Areas |
| Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Rate (All Inclusive) | \$1,376.87 | \$1,514.55 | \$70.79 | \$77.87 | \$1447.66 | \$1,592.42 |
| Basic Life Support (BLS) Rate | \$804.95 | \$885.45 | \$63.64 | \$70.00 | \$868.59 | \$955.45 |
| Emergency Fee | \$248.51 | \$273.38 | \$6.88 | \$7.57 | \$255.39 | \$280.95 |
| Oxygen | \$154.14 | \$169.55 | \$4.27 | \$4.69 | \$158.41 | \$174.24 |
| Night Charge | \$177.93 | \$195.75 | \$4.92 | \$5.42 | \$182.85 | \$201.17 |
| Critical Care Transport | \$1,669.69 | \$1,836.65 | \$46.21 | \$50.83 | \$1,715.90 | \$1,887.48 |
| Mileage (per mile or fraction thereof) | \$26.14 | \$26.14 | \$0.72 | \$0.72 | \$26.86 | \$26.86 |
| Wait Time | \$46.67 | \$46.67 | \$1.29 | \$1.29 | \$47.96 | \$47.96 |
| EKG | \$106.11 | \$106.11 | \$2.94 | \$2.94 | \$109.05 | \$109.05 |

If you have any questions regarding the policy and associated rate calculations, please do not hesitate to contact me at (909) 388-5823 or via e-mail at tom.lynch@cao.sbcounty.gov or George Stone, Program Coordinator, at (909) 388-5807 or via e-mail at george.stone@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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Ground Ambulance Service Rate Definitions Effective March 1, 2010

NOTE: Rates are allowable only upon transport of a patient

BLS Base Rate:

1. When an EMT staffed ambulance responds to a call; or
2. When a paramedic staffed ambulance responds to a scheduled call when not requested and/or paramedic intervention is not provided.

ALS All Inclusive Rate:

Any response of an approved advanced life support (paramedic) transport provider to a request for service. This charge will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the provision of the following:

1. An authorized paramedic staffed and equipped ambulance response.
2. Care modalities including cardiac monitoring, telemetry, IV administration, drug administration, defibrillation, blood draw, wound dressing, splinting and disposable first aid and medical supplies related to such care and treatment.

Emergency:

Applies when a BLS scheduled response is upgraded to emergency status either in response or during transport. **This charge is included in the ALS All Inclusive Rate and cannot be charged in addition to the ALS All Inclusive Rate.**

ECG Monitoring:

Applies when ECG Monitoring is performed as per protocol or base hospital order. **This charge is included in the ALS All Inclusive Rate and cannot be charged in addition to the ALS All Inclusive Rate.** In most cases, this charge is broken out as a line item for Medi-Cal which does not recognize the charge in the ALS Base Rate.

EMS Aircraft – Appropriate fee for service:

1. Applies when ambulance personnel and/or equipment are directly involved in patient care prior to transfer of patient(s) to EMS aircraft.
2. Supplies utilized at rate specified in current San Bernardino County ambulance rates.
3. Approved mileage rate from point of transport by ground ambulance to transfer site to EMS aircraft.

Mileage:

Applies for each patient mile or fraction thereof from point of pick-up to destination.

Night:

Applies for services provided between the hours 1900 and 0659, military time.

Oxygen:

Applies for services provided whenever oxygen is administered. This charge is inclusive of material such as tubing, masks, etc., which may be used for the administration of oxygen.

Wait Time:

Applies to scheduled calls and is charged per fifteen (15) minutes of waiting time or portion thereof, after the first fifteen-minute period lapse occurs when an ambulance must wait for a patient at the request of the person/organization hiring the service. This rate is not contractual “stand-by” charge rate for special events.

Specialty Care Transport:

Applies to an authorized ALS ambulance company approved to utilize medical personnel needed to provide care/monitoring at level above paramedic scope of practice to provide ALS interfacility and scene transports. Additional equipment or personnel is required based on patient’s needs according the ICEMA policy. e.g., critical care transport, neonatal critical care transport, high-risk maternal critical care transport, and bariatric unit transport.