

**LRB – RESEARCH & ANALYSIS SECTION ANALYSIS  
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**JANUARY 25, 2007 AGENDA  
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**ITEM 1(B), FILE 061232  
ITEM 5, FILE 061232**

**MARCH 8, 2007 AGENDA  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 16, FILE 061232  
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File No. 061232 is an ordinance relating to advanced life support rates for transports conducted by the Fire Department.

**Background and Discussion**

1. The Milwaukee County Executive and Board of Supervisors have adopted the Milwaukee County 2007 budget, which includes payments of supplemental tax levy funds for the 2007 Emergency Medical Services agreement for paramedic services between Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services and the City of Milwaukee (the Agreement). The County also approved fee schedules for advanced life support conveyances, mileage and ancillary charges.
2. The contract was approved via Common Council Resolution No. 060984 adopted January 17, 2007. The contract expires December 31, 2008.
3. The file also allows the City to use CPR, Inc., the Milwaukee County's current billing provider, to bill for services rendered by MFD advanced level life support vehicles in 2007. The City is responsible for all costs related to the CPR billing service contract, which will be deducted from monthly payments made to the City by the County.
4. CPR is contracted through March 31, 2007 or until the Value Consortium RFP process hires another vendor. The consortium is area local governments that band together to set up cooperative purchasing arrangements. The City Purchasing Director Cheryl Oliva is representing the City in this matter.

**Discussion**

1. Ordinance File 061232 establishes a fee schedule for patient charges for advanced life support level services and transports delivered by fire department paramedic units that operate under the 2007 countywide paramedic system agreement.
2. This ordinance also allows the department to charge a \$12.00 per mile fee for the distance traveled with the patient in the ambulance from point of origin to destination.
3. The fire department would be responsible for billing and collection of revenues generated from the advanced life support service provisions and conveyances.

**Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact is estimated at \$3,800,000 based on total revenues generated from 2004-2006 and the following fee schedule:

For advanced life support for patients who are residents of the Milwaukee county.

- Paramedic non-invasive service and/or treatment without conveyance \$75
- Paramedic invasive service and/or treatment without conveyance \$350
- Paramedic service with transport Level ALS-1 \$585
- Paramedic service with transport Level ALS-2 \$635

For advanced life support for patients who are not residents of the Milwaukee county.

- Paramedic non-invasive service and/or treatment without conveyance \$125
- Paramedic invasive service and/or treatment without conveyance \$380
- Paramedic service with transport Level ALS-1 \$635
- Paramedic service with transport Level ALS-2 \$685

Advanced life support ancillary charges.

- ALS supplies \$70
- Intubation \$65
- I.V. and supplies \$50
- Defibrillation \$85
- EKG \$85
- Oxygen and supplies \$75
- Drugs included in the Milwaukee county medical services program adopted by Milwaukee County Association of Fire Chiefs and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of Milwaukee County (ICC).
  - Items approved in Drug Group 1 are charged a rate of \$25 including: Albuterol, Amidoerone (30 mg), Altopine, Benadryl, Heparin Sodium by I.V., Lasix, Lidocaine, Ativan, Versed, Sodium Chloride, Solumedrol (up to 40 mg), Terbutaline, Diazepam, Dextrose 50%, Nitro Spray SL, Normal Saline (capped), D50, and Dtw.
  - Items approved in Drug Group 2 are charged a rate of \$30 including: Calcium Chloride, Epinephrine (I.M. or I.V., not by EPI-PEN), Dopamine, Lidocaine, and Sodium Bicarbonate.
  - Items approved in Drug Group 3 are charged a rate of \$40 including: Morphine, Narcan and Normal Saline.
    - Epinephrine by EPI-PEN \$85
    - Adenosine \$80
    - Glucagon, up to 1 mg \$80
    - Solumedrol, 41-125 mg \$50

### **Other Information**

This file addresses only those charges approved by the ICC for the fire department and does not affect the private ambulance provider rate schedule (see attached). Those rates would be considered in separate common council committee files.

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Source for following tables: Fire Chief Wentlandt

**Advanced Life Support Billing Rates**

ITEM	Current MC Rate	ICC Proposed Rate	Current Pvt ALS (75-15)
Paramedic service with transport Level-ALS-1 (Milwaukee County Resident)	\$509.00	\$585.00	\$582.00
Paramedic service with transport Level ALS-2 (Milwaukee County Resident)	\$509.00	\$635.00	\$582.00
Paramedic service with transport Level-ALS-1 (Non-Milwaukee County Resident)	\$509.00	\$635.00	\$582.00
Paramedic service with transport Level ALS-2 (Non- Milwaukee County Resident)	\$509.00	\$685.00	\$582.00
Paramedic non-invasive service and/or treatment without transport (Milwaukee County Resident)	\$0	\$75.00	\$75.00
Paramedic non-invasive service and/or treatment without transport (Non-Milwaukee County Resident)	\$0	\$125.00	\$75.00
Paramedic Invasive service and/or treatment without transport (Milwaukee County Resident)	\$509.00	\$350.00	\$582.00
Paramedic invasive service and/or treatment without transport (Non-Milwaukee County Resident)	\$509.00	\$380.00	\$582.00
Defibrillation	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$54.00
IV and supplies	\$39.00	\$50.00	\$38.00
Intubation	\$50.50	\$65.00	\$49.00
ALS Supplies	\$55.50	\$70.00	\$54.00
Oxygen and supplies	\$64.75	\$75.00	\$33 + supplies
Mileage	\$9.00 per mile	\$12.00 per mile	\$11.75
EKG	\$54.00	\$85.00	\$52.50
<b>Drugs, Group-1</b> (Albuterol, Amioderone (30 Mg), Atropine, Benadryl, Heparin Sodium by IV, Lasix, Lidocaine, Ativan, Versed, Sodium Chloride, Solumedrol (up to 40 Mg), Terbutaline, Diazepam, Dextrose 50%, Nitro Spray SL, Normal Saline(capped), D50, D5W)	Most \$22.50	\$25.00	Per MC drug schedule
<b>Drugs, Group-2</b> (Calcium Chloride, Epinephrine (IM or IV, not by Epi-Pen), Dopamine, Lidocaine, Sodium Bicarbonate)	Most \$25.75	\$30.00	
<b>Drugs Group-3</b> (Morphine, Narcan, Normal Saline)	\$33.00 & \$31.00	\$40.00	
Epinephrine by EPI-PEN	\$25.75	\$85.00	
Adenosine	\$73.00	\$80.00	
Glucagon, up to 1 Mg	\$69.00	\$80.00	
Solumedrol, 41-125 Mg	\$44.50	\$50.00	

**City of Milwaukee Fire Department  
Paramedic Unit Financial Summary  
2003 – 2005**

Charges	\$23,904,316
Payments Received	\$10,721,126
Adjustments	\$12,661,401
Charges Outstanding	\$521,793
Collection Rate / With Allowed Adjustments	88%
Collection Rate / Payments Received	45%