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Alderman Thomas Nardelli  
Chair, Public Safety Committee  
City Hall Room 205

Dear Alderman Nardelli:

It is the responsibility of the Commissioner of Health to report to the Common Council each year with respect to ambulance conveyance rates for emergency medical service calls dispatched by the city under the 911 system.

Attached please find information provided by the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) on the indices specified in the City Code. Between 2001 and 2002 the Milwaukee Consumer Price Index for medical care increased 6.2%. I propose a similar adjustment to the fees for Basic Life Support and Basic Life Support - Emergency: from \$336 to \$357 per conveyance for Basic Life Support, and Basic Life Support-emergency for City residents and from \$388 to \$413 for non residents. For Advanced Life Support by private providers under terms of the Private Provider Interfacility Unit Protocol, a 6.2% increase in conveyance rates would equal a rise from \$494 to \$525 for both residents and non-residents.

Between 2001 and 2002 there was actually deflation in the transportation indices between -1.2% to -5.3%. For this reason I propose a reduction in the mileage charge equal to 3%, or from \$8.76 per mile to \$8.50 per mile for both residents and non-residents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Seth Foldy, M.D.  
Commissioner of Health

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