

LRB – RESEARCH & ANALYSIS SECTION ANALYSIS

JANUARY 25, 2007 AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 1(B), 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.
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.

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 would retain all 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.
 - 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

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