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SUBSTITUTE 2

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A substitute ordinance relating to ambulance conveyance rates and ancillary charges for services rendered by certified private ambulance companies.

75-15-14 rc
75-15-15 rc
75-15-16 rc

This substitute ordinance increases the amount charged for both basic life support and basic life support - Emergency private ambulance conveyances for 2 categories of patients established by the code, namely residents and non-residents. The increases are as follows:

1. For residents, from \$396 to \$410.
2. For non-residents, from \$458 to \$474.

In addition, this ordinance establishes a private ambulance basic life support treatment without transport fee for 2 categories of patients, namely residents and non-residents as follows:

1. For residents, \$75.
2. For non-residents, \$125.

This ordinance also increases the ancillary charges by 15% billed by private ambulances with the exception of oxygen and defibrillation supplies, which are equal to the advanced life support charges. These charges were last increased in 1999.

An ancillary charge for drugs, as allowed by the state of Wisconsin emergency medical technician basic scope of practice and approved by the Milwaukee county council on emergency medical services, has been added.

In addition, this ordinance increases the amount charged for mileage for private ambulances from \$11.75 per mile to \$12.00 per mile.

Finally, when the conveyances are made under the terms of the private provider interfacility unit protocol, this ordinance permits private ambulance companies to charge patients receiving advanced life support care and transport the same rates charged by the fire department.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 75-15-14 to 16 of the code is repealed and recreated to read:

75-15. Ambulance Certification Regulations.

14. DETERMINING RATES BILLED BY PRIVATE SECTOR PROVIDERS. a. The commissioner of health annually shall review and report to the common council by April 1 with respect to the ambulance conveyance rate established under par. c and recommend, if appropriate, an adjustment in the conveyance rate.

b. Upon request, the legislative reference bureau shall provide the commissioner with information from health-related cost indexes, including the medical care component of the Milwaukee consumer price index issued by the U.S. bureau of labor statistics.

c. The rate charged for conveyance shall be as follows:

c-1. For patients who are residents of the city of Milwaukee, for basic life support, \$410 and, for basic life support - emergency, \$410. When patients require treatment without transport, a \$75 basic life support non-transport fee applies.

c-2. For patients who are not residents of the city of Milwaukee, for basic life support, \$474 and, for basic life support - emergency, \$474. When patients require treatment without transport, a \$125 basic life support non-transport fee applies.

c-3. In addition to the charges provided in subds. c-1 and 2, a charge of \$12 per mile shall be assessed for mileage, mileage to be defined as the distance traveled with the patient in the ambulance from the point of patient origin to destination.

d. In those instances where a certified ambulance provider has a contract with any health maintenance organization with respect to establishment of fees for ambulance services for persons insured through the organization, the fees established in the contract shall take precedence over those in par. c and sub. 15 and the provider shall charge only those fees established in the contract.

15. BASIC LIFE SUPPORT ANCILLARY CHARGES BILLED BY PRIVATE SECTOR PROVIDERS.

Pursuant to sub. 12-s, certified ambulance providers are authorized to charge the following basic life support ancillary charges:

a. Airway	
a-1. Oropharyngeal	\$1.94
a-2. Nasopharyngeal	7.68
b. Bag mask ventilator, adult or pediatric	38.42
c. Bandaging	
c-1. Trauma dressing	4.58
c-2. Kling 4"	1.96
c-3. 5/9" dressing	0.47
d. Blanket	8.92
e. Burn sheet	9.23
f. Cervical collar	26.31
g. Cold pack	1.76
h. Combi-tube/intubation charge	65.00
i. Defibrillation supplies	85.00
j. Electrodes	2.33
k. Gloves	1.86
L. Head immobilizer	15.44
m. Hot pack	2.05
n. KED strap	23.21
o. Laryngoscope blades	7.37
p. Linens	5.69
q. OB kit with silver swaddler	22.83
r. Oxygen and supplies	75.00

s. Personal protective equipment	
s-1. Gown	4.58
s-2. Goggles	9.23
t. Prosplints	
t-1. Full arm, large	23.45
t-2. Full arm, small	22.67
t-3. Combo	31.36
t-4. Full leg, large	49.21
t-5. Full leg, small	42.30
t-6. Waist and forearm	14.12
u. Pocket mask	20.18
v. Resuscitation bag & mask	38.42
w. Splints	
w-1. 12"	3.50
w-2. 18"	5.20
w-3. 24"	6.99
w-a. Sterile saline or water	3.47
w-b. Suction	
w-b-1. Canister	5.82
w-b-2. Suction tip	2.71
w-b-3. Tubing	3.02
x. Drug charges: drugs allowed by the state of Wisconsin emergency medical technician basic scope of practice and approved by the Milwaukee county council on emergency medical services, shall be charged at the same rates established under sub. 17-d.	

16. CHARGES FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT PATIENT SERVICES DELIVERED BY PRIVATE PROVIDERS. Whenever a certified ambulance provider performs an advanced life support conveyance under the terms of the private provider interfacility unit protocol, the provider is authorized to charge the same rates as established for the fire department, pursuant to sub. 17-a and b. When performing an advanced life support, certified ambulance providers are authorized to charge the same ancillary charges established for the fire department under sub. 17-c and d. These charges shall in no way be construed so as to circumvent the role of the fire department as the designated responder to advanced life support service calls.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Legislative Reference Bureau

Date: _____

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE
IS LEGAL AND ENFOCEABLE

Office of the City Attorney

Date: _____

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