



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Reason for Notice: Changes to ambulance fees and charges.

Changes to ambulance fees and charges were authorized by the “Emergency Medical Services Fees Emergency Amendment Act of 2021,” D.C. Act 24-159, D.C. Official Code §§5–416(d)(1)(D) and (2)(D), dated August 23, 2021. New ambulance fees and charges include the following:

As of January 1, 2024:

- (1) **BLS Transport:** \$1,500 will be charged to patients receiving “basic life support” (BLS) level care and ambulance transport. BLS includes minimal (basic) treatment and vital signs monitoring. Oxygen may also be given. Reasons for BLS transport are usually considered “non-life threatening.”
- (2) **ALS-1 Transport:** \$1,500 will be charged to patients receiving “advanced life support” (ALS) level care and ambulance transport. ALS-1 includes assessment and/or treatment by a paramedic and may include cardiac (ECG) monitoring, IV/IO placement, administration of drugs and/or oxygen, and vital signs monitoring. Reasons for ALS-1 transport are usually considered “possibly life threatening.”
- (3) **ALS-2 Transport:** \$1,500 will be charged to patients receiving “advanced life support” (ALS) level care and ambulance transport. ALS-2 includes assessment and/or treatment by one or more paramedics and may include resuscitation (CPR), breathing tube placement (intubation), other advanced procedures (such as chest decompression), IV/IO placement, administration of multiple drugs and/or oxygen, and vital signs monitoring. Reasons for ALS-2 transport are usually considered “immediately life threatening.”
- (4) **Ground Transport Mileage:** \$22.50 per loaded mile will be charged to all patients transported by ambulance. Transport mileage is measured from the incident (pickup) location to the receiving hospital or other healthcare facility.

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