



# NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION No. 2023-13

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE FOR EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION

**WHEREAS**, the North County Fire Protection District provides emergency and non-emergency services as part of the operation of the fire district; and

**WHEREAS**, the rules and regulatory fees and charges for services and transportation have previously been established for the operation of these services; and

**WHEREAS**, under the authority of the Health and Safety Code Section 13916, a District may charge a fee to cover the cost of any service which the District provides or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee is charged; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been necessary to revise these rules, regulations, fees and charges from time to time on the recommendations of the Fire Chief/CEO and the Operations Chief; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of this fee schedule is required to recover the costs of providing emergency medical services, including pharmaceuticals, supplies, equipment and infrastructure charges from the users thereof to maintain an effective EMS Delivery System; and

**WHEREAS**, the fee structure was last changed in October of 2020 by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the analysis of the fee schedule at the October 27, 2020 Board hearing indicated that an increase in the fees and rates was warranted. The rate of user fees shall be that which is usual, customary and reasonable based upon the regional averages obtained from the most recent rate survey of 9-1-1 ambulance providers within San Diego County. The final incremental increase adopted at the October 27, 2020 hearing is herein reflected as set forth in "Exhibit A;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District desires at this time and based on the findings submitted, deems it in the best public interest to increase EMS fees as set forth in "Exhibit A" (incorporated as a part of this Resolution) to become effective **October 1, 2023**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District, a public agency in the County of San Diego, California, as follows:

1. The above recitations are true;



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2. The Board of Directors hereby approves the Fee Schedule for the Emergency Medical Services, attached hereto and made part thereof as "Exhibit A" to this Resolution and which is incorporated by this reference;

3. That Resolution 2023-13 supersedes Resolution 2021-12.

**APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors, North County Fire Protection District, County of San Diego, State of California, on this **26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023**, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Acosta, Egkan, Munson, Shaw and Pike

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSED:** None

Cindy Acosta, Board President

**ATTEST:**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the North County Fire Protection District thereof held on the **26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023**, and that the same now appears on record in my office.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this **26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023**.

Mavis Canpinar, Board Clerk



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### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES

1. **RESPONSE/TRANSPORT FEE:**

Emergency ALS Base Transport Fee	\$2437.50
Emergency ALS Base Transport - Non-Resident	\$2501.70
Emergency ALS 2 Transport Fee	\$2646.04
Emergency ALS 2 Transport Fee - Non-resident	\$2708.85
Emergency BLS Transport Fee	\$1464.10
Emergency BLS Transport - Non-Resident	\$1512.17
ALS Treatment, Non-transport – Resident	\$226.83
ALS Treatment, Non-transport – Non-Resident	\$249.40
ALS Treatment, Non-transport CPR - Resident	\$875.05
ALS Treatment, Non-transport CPR - Non-Resident	\$903.00
ALS Treatment, Non-transport Level II Trauma	\$691.23
ALS Treatment, Non-transport Level II Trauma - Non-Resident	\$770.78
Mileage (per loaded mile or fraction)	\$41.80

2. **SUPPLIES/PHARMACEUTICALS/EQUIPMENT:**

Level I Disposables Bundle (ALS, BLS, T&R)	\$136.53
Level II Disposables Bundle (ALS2)	\$262.30
Oxygen	\$109.65
EKG	\$39.78

3. **Miscellaneous CHARGES:**

Night Charge	\$65.58
Admin/Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)	\$139.75

4. **STANDBY:** All Stand-by Charges are as defined and provided in the Fire Prevention Service Fee Schedule.

5. **ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEES AND MILEAGE CHARGE:**

The Transport Fee identified in Section 1 will be increased annually on October 1<sup>st</sup> in an amount equal to the CPI-Urban index for San Diego (CPI-U, San Diego) as published the preceding January by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This adjustment is not to exceed the regional average of increase.

6. **RESOLUTION:**

All patients shall receive an invoice for services. The Fire Chief or designee shall have the authority to adjust ambulance transportation fees billed to a patient(s) in order to resolve any disputes, legal settlements, Worker's Compensation claims or to maintain the good reputation and/or will of the District. Said reductions shall be retained by the billing service provider and be made available upon demand. NCFPD employees or retired members shall receive ALS/BLS services at no charge.