



CITY OF WESTBROOK, MAINE
IN CITY COUNCIL

Date: August 5, 2024
Order: 2024-89

Amending the Code of Ordinances Master Fee Schedule Regarding EMS Billing Rates

That the Westbrook City Council hereby amends the Code of Ordinances Master Fee Schedule regarding EMS Billing Rates for non-emergency transports, as outlined in the attached exhibit.

First & Final Reading: August 5, 2024

Attest:



City Clerk



Mayor



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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

PROPOSED TITLE: Amending the Code of Ordinances Master Fee Schedule Regarding EMS Billing Rates

REQUESTED BY: Brian Langerman

DATE: 8/5/2024

SUMMARY:

This is a request to amend the Master Fee Schedule to establish EMS Billing Rates for non-emergency transports (basic and advanced life support). Non-emergency transports are not typically offered by the department, as these are pre-scheduled transports for doctors' visits or similar-known appointments. However, the department does on rare occasions offer these services in extenuating circumstances (ex. a resident moving into hospice).

There is currently no mechanism to bill insurance for these transports, as a fee for such transports does not currently exist in our Master Fee Schedule. Establishing this fee will allow the billing company (ComStar Billing) to bill insurance companies and private payers to recuperate costs for such non-emergency transports.

The Department has asked ComStar to provide the non-emergency transport rates charged by comparable municipalities also served by ComStar Billing Company in Cumberland, York, and Androscoggin Counties. Based upon the information provided, the department recommends establishing a rate of \$735.00 for BLS (Basic Life Support) Non-Emergency Transports, and \$1,400 for ALS (Advanced Life Support) Non-Emergency Transports. These rates are comparable with the Emergency Transport rates currently established in the Master Fee Schedule.

Westbrook Rate
 Comparison Report
 (Cumberland, York &
 Androscoggin Counties)

Client	MLG	BLSEmer BR	BLS Non Emer BR	ALS1 Emer BR	ALS2 Emer BR	ALS Non Emer BR	SCT
XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$25.43	\$968.33	\$968.33	\$1,431.93	\$2,080.30	\$780.07	\$1,720.01
XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$27.50	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,400.00
XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$22.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$840.00	\$970.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$12.60	\$498.75	\$498.75	\$682.50	\$997.50	\$693.00	\$0.00
XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$14.00	\$580.00	\$580.00	\$785.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$35.05	\$1,403.00	\$1,403.00	\$2,234.00	\$3,391.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$26.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$39.00	\$1,694.00	\$1,694.00	\$2,464.00	\$3,571.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$16.03	\$794.95	\$794.95	\$977.18	\$1,391.91	\$0.00	\$0.00
WESTBROOK FIRE RESCUE	\$18.90	\$735.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,575.00
AVERAGE	\$23.65	\$972.40	\$998.78	\$1,406.46	\$2,030.17	\$1,243.27	\$2,298.75

Current Charge List by Client

Company IS WESTBROOK FIRE RESCUE

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Tax ID: 01-6000038

Charge	HCPCS	Amount Charged	Since:
WESTBROOK ALS1 EMERG BR	A0427	\$1,050.00	3/4/2024
WESTBROOK ALS2 EMERG BR	A0433	\$1,400.00	2/6/2023
WESTBROOK BLS EMERG BR	A0429	\$735.00	3/4/2024
WESTBROOK CARE W/O TRANSPORT	A0998	\$125.00	No Change
WESTBROOK FACILITY LIFT ASSIST	A0999	\$300.00	4/1/2023
WESTBROOK INTERCEPT FEE	A0999	\$400.00	3/4/2024
WESTBROOK MILEAGE	A0425	\$18.90	3/4/2024
WESTBROOK NON-COVER MILEAGE	A0888	\$18.90	3/4/2024
WESTBROOK SCT	A0434	\$1,575.00	3/4/2024
