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RESOLUTION # 2024-7

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES VEHICLE
TRANSPORT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2010, the Board of Supervisors enacted an ordinance to authorize the Madison County Department of Emergency Medical Services and any volunteer rescue squad that obtains a permit from the County to charge fees for emergency medical services (EMS) and vehicle transports ("EMS Cost Recovery Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the County's EMS Cost Recovery Ordinance provides that the Board shall establish a schedule of fees for EMS and vehicle transport services; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the following proposed fees are reasonable and consistent with the reimbursements allowed by private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare, and has charged the County Administrator to develop policies and procedures to implement the County's EMS cost recovery program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following EMS and vehicle transport service fees are hereby increased, as recommended based on anticipated increases to the CMS allowable amounts starting July 1, 2024, for all EMS vehicle transport services provided in accordance with the Madison County EMS Cost Recovery Ordinance:

1. For Basic Life Support (BLS) transport services: \$632.84. BLS is defined as the emergency response and transport of a patient that requires assessment and treatment by a BLS Technician and no Advanced Life Support procedures.
2. For Advanced Life Support Level 1 (ALS1): \$751.49. ALS1 is defined as the emergency response and transport of a patient that requires assessment and treatment by an ALS Technician and one or more Advanced Life Support procedures.
3. For Advanced life Support Level 2 (ALS2): \$1,087.68. ALS2 is defined as the transport of a patient that requires defibrillation, pacing, intubation, or the administration of 3 or more Schedule IV medications.

4. For Specialty Care Transports (SCT): \$1,285.44. SCT is defined as the interfacility transportation of a critically injured or ill patient by a ground ambulance vehicle when the patient's condition requires ongoing care that must be furnished by one or more health professionals in an appropriate specialty area.
5. For Ground Transport Miles (GTM): \$18.00/mile. GTM is defined as the charge per patient transport mile.
6. For Dead-On-Arrival calls (DOA): If the beneficiary is pronounced dead prior to the ambulance dispatch, there is no payment by Medicare. If the beneficiary is pronounced dead after the ambulance is dispatched, but prior to the beneficiary being loaded on the ambulance, then the provider's Basic Life Support rate, no rural or mileage adjustment, is paid and the ambulance provider is to use the QL modifier on the claim. If the beneficiary is pronounced dead after the ambulance pick up and prior to the arrival at the receiving facility, then the ambulance services are paid at the medically necessary level of care furnished and supported in the documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT no person shall be denied EMS or vehicle transport services due to his or her inability to pay.

Adopted this 28th day of May, 2024 on motion of Supervisor Jewett, seconded by Supervisor Dawson.



R. Clay Jackson, Chairman
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Jonathon Weakley
County Administrator

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
C. Jackson			X		
J. Buchanan			X		
D. Dawson		X	X		
J. Jewett	X		X		
C. Yowell			X		