

Sec. 62-95. - Fees for emergency medical services.

(a) *[Fees.]* For the period beginning September 1, 2012, fees for emergency and non-emergency medical service provided by New Orleans EMS, or provided by private providers as an emergency or non-emergency rollover, shall be charged as follows:

(1) Base rates and mileage.

- a. Emergency transportation from the scene of an accident or illness to a medical facility inside or outside the parish: \$825.00 per person transported via BLS emergency transport, \$1,246.00 per person transported as ALS 1, and \$1,246.00 per person transported as ALS 2.
- b. Non-emergency transportation from one point to another inside or outside the parish: No less than the prevailing Medicare rates or guidelines.
- c. Ambulatory patients who request to be transported in a sprint vehicle and who can be transported in this vehicle without risk to their emergent condition: \$275.00 per person transported.
- d. Institutional transfer (fees and arrangement to be determined on a contractual basis but shall be compliant with the prevailing Medicare allowable rates for the geographical area in which the services are provided).
- e. Per-mile charge for transportation to a facility within the parish: \$20.00.
- f. Per-mile charge for transportation to a facility outside the parish: \$20.00.
- g. Waiting time per half hour, for scheduled transportation only: \$75.00.
- h. Extrication of persons requiring specialized equipment for the purpose of removal from a vehicle or situation shall be billed at \$750.00. Prolonged extrications lasting greater than 60 minutes or special situations shall include additional fees of \$100.00 per half hour; a minimum of one-half hour will be charged for services rendered. Special situations include but are not limited to heavy vehicle rescue, extrication, or extraction, rope rescue, confined space, swift water or water rescue.
- i. Charge for first aid service, no transportation required or requested: \$150.00.
- j. Medical supplies and procedures utilized in rendering aid in an emergency or a non-emergency transport shall be charged in addition to the transportation charge and mileage charge, according to a schedule of rates provided by the Director of New Orleans EMS and approved by the chief administrative officer.
- k. Charge for copies of locally held records and run reports, per record copy: \$35.00.
- l. Charge for copies of archived records or run reports, per record copy: \$50.00.

(2) For the period beginning September 1, 2012, fees for emergency vehicle standby for special events occurring in Orleans Parish regardless of the provider, public or private, covering the event will be charged in accordance with the following scale, per resource:

Resource	Per Hour Rate	Minimum Personnel	Minimum Requirement	Notes
Ambulance	\$150.00	Two technicians	Event duration plus one hour before and one hour after event, to allow for set up and	
Sprint Vehicle	\$75.00	One technician		Required for services

	\$100.00	Two technicians	demobilization	with three of more vehicles
Mobile Surge Unit	\$300.00	Two technicians		
Special Response Vehicles, Boats or Bike Teams	\$100.00	Two technicians		Boat operations require a USCG approved boater safety course
EMS Physicians	\$100.00	One EMS physician		Can be in vehicle
EMS Command Staff	\$75.00	As needed to ensure NIMS span of control		Required for ten or more vehicles
Supplemental Staffing	\$75.00	Per technician		Must have one or more vehicles to have supplemental staffing
Rescue Vehicle (light duty)	\$150.00	One technician		Must meet NFPA guidelines

- a. Additional resources, such as first aid tents or medical surge tents, shall be charged the same as the most appropriate resource (i.e. first aid tent would use the ambulance rate and medical surge or treatment tent would use the mobile surge unit rate). Transportation and service fees shall be charged in accordance with this section regardless of the provider covering the event.
- b. All ambulance services providing emergency vehicle standby services will be required to register an operations plan with New Orleans EMS in the format prescribed by the director of EMS or his/her designee, no later than five business days prior to the event occurring, unless emergent circumstances exist.
- c. A fee of \$35.00 will be charged for the submission and review of all operations plans for emergency vehicle standby services regardless of the provider for all events occurring within Orleans Parish. All fees collected shall be deposited directly into the general fund of the City of New Orleans to offset personnel expenses incurred in event review and planning. In the case of a series of events occurring at the same location or venue where there is no substantive change in coverage (i.e. a series of games, contests or concerts or a season of sporting events requiring the same coverage and resources throughout), a single plan review will be charged.

- d. Failure to submit an operations plan shall be considered a violation of this chapter and charged as such.
 - e. Fees for standby services may be waived only by the chief administrative officer, his or her designee, or by motion of the city council. Copies of such waivers must be received by New Orleans EMS, regardless of the provider of services for the event, no later than ten days prior to the event and shall be obtained through the procedures set forth by those agencies. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring agency to obtain a fee waiver for the event and to provide it to the provider of emergency medical services for inclusion in the operations plan submitted to New Orleans EMS as outlined in this section.
 - f. When fees for standby services are waived in accordance with the aforementioned provisions, no provider of emergency medical services shall charge for services rendered or supplies used, including treatment and transport of patients.
- (b) *Right to request and receive records and receipts.* The chief administrative office or the director of New Orleans EMS or his/her designee shall have the right to request from any licensed ambulance service the records and receipts related to standby services and fees for special events, and for any services provided by private providers as emergency or non-emergency rollover, in order to monitor compliance with the conditions of this section.
- (c) *Failure to comply.* Any person charged with any of the duties imposed by this article who fails to perform such duties shall be guilty of a violation of this article. All fines collected for violations of this article shall be paid to the general fund. Notice from the city, the division of emergency medical services, or its officers shall be required to hold any person liable for penalties for violations of this section.
- (1) Failure of any individual or organization to comply with the provisions of this chapter may subject the individual or organization to revocation of its permit, pursuant to the authority granted in this chapter, and/or punishment to the fullest extent of the law.
 - (2) If any individual or organization willfully violates or permits a violation of any of the provisions of this section, they shall be subject to a \$500.00 fine per violation and may be subject to other sanctions which may be imposed by the director.
 - (3) If any individual willfully violates any of the provisions of this chapter, the individual may be punished as otherwise provided in this chapter and by such fine and/or by such imprisonment as are allowable by law.

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