

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt a resolution to amend Administrative Code AC-3-10; External Fees & Charges Manual, External Fee # Ex: 22-1 Ambulance Service Fees.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

Approval is necessary in order for Lee County EMS user fee rates to be in line with the National Ambulance Fee Schedule implemented by the Health Care Finance Administration (HFCA).

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

Approval will authorize EMS billing vendor Advanced Data Processing to bill appropriate ambulance transport fees based on service levels provided by EMS personnel. The revised fee schedule is expected to increase EMS revenue collections by \$900,000.00.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 7
COMMISSION DISTRICT #: CW

C7A

3. MEETING DATE:

11-19-2002

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER
- B. DEPARTMENT Public Safety
- C. DIVISION EMS
- BY: John Wilson, Director *[Signature]*

7. BACKGROUND:

In 1997, Congress passed the Balanced Budget Act and placed in section 1834 (1) to the Social Security Act, a mandate to implement a national fee schedule for ambulance services furnished as a benefit under Medicare Part B. Ambulance services were the last medical providers in the nation directed by the Health Care Finance Administration (HFCA) to replace "prevailing rate method" of charges to a national fee schedule that is determined on "reasonable charges." The new fee structure provides seven levels service categories for reimbursement by Medicare Part B (Attachment A). The reimbursement of all revised fees by Medicare will be phased in over a 5-year period. The first year EMS providers will be reimbursed on 20% of new fee schedule and 80% of current fee schedule. Years two thru five will reflect reimbursement percentages of 40/60, 60/40, 80/20 and 100% respectively. The impact of the Fee Schedule on Lee County EMS appears to nominally favorable over the 5-year phase in period. The Department of Public Safety anticipates a \$900,000.00 increase in EMS revenues in the first year of the Fee Schedule implementation.

* Note, the proposed EMS helicopter fee schedule will not be implemented until the aircraft is certified under Part 135 of the FAA. The helicopter transport fees are considered low in the air ambulance industry and are expected to generate an approximate \$500,000.00 in revenue when implemented.

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Management recommends approval.

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services			G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC
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10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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LEE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE LEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AS ADOPTED BY LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 97-23; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE LEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is the governing body in and for Lee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has previously enacted Lee County Ordinance No. 96-01, creating a charter form of government for Lee County pursuant to Section 125.80 and ff., Florida Statutes, and which was approved and ratified by the Electorate of Lee County on November 5, 1996; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has previously enacted Lee County Ordinance No. 97-23, which adopted the Lee County Administrative Code pursuant to Section 2.2.E. of Ordinance No. 96-01, the Lee County Charter; and,

WHEREAS, Lee County Ordinance No. 97-23 at Section III allows and provides for amendments to the Lee County Administrative Code to be made by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners at a regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners' meeting; and,

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the Lee County Administrative Code are now being proposed, and the Board of County Commissioners finds that such proposed

amendments are acceptable, serve a public purpose and are consistent with the terms and conditions of Lee County Ordinance No. 96-01, the Lee County Charter.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. The above preamble is hereby accepted and approved as being true and accurate, and is adopted and incorporated herein as if set out further at length.
2. The proposed amendment(s) to the Lee County Administrative Code 3-10 (attached hereto as Exhibit A), is (are) approved, and are hereby directed to be incorporated into the Lee County Administrative Code as indicated in the amendment(s).
3. The provisions of this Resolution are severable, and it is the intention to confer to the whole or any part of this Resolution, the powers herein provided for. If any of the provisions of this Resolution shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the other remaining provisions of this Resolution. It is hereby declared to be the Board's legislative intent that this Resolution would have been adopted had such an unconstitutional provision not been included herein.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

ROBERT JANES	_____
DOUGLAS ST. CERNY	_____
RAY JUDAH	_____
ANDREW COY	_____
JOHN E. ALBION	_____

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:
CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Office of the County Attorney

DEPARTMENT:

EXTERNAL FEE NUMBER: EX 22-1

DIVISION: Public Safety / EMS Program

PURPOSE: Ambulance Service Fees

BASIS FOR FEE: Balanced Budget Act – National Ambulance Fee Schedule

DATE APPROVED:

AMBULANCE SERVICE TRANSPORT FEES

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3) Advanced Life Support (ALS 1 – Non Emergency)	\$350.00
4) Advanced Life Support (ALS 1 – Emergency)	\$375.00
5) Advanced Life Support (ALS 2)	\$550.00
6) Special Care Transport (SCT)	\$650.00
7a) Loading Fee for Non Rural Helicopter Transport	\$2,900.00
7b) Loading Fee for Rural Helicopter Transport	\$4,050.00

MILEAGE FEES

Ambulance Transport Mileage Charge (Non Rural)	\$7.00 per mile
Ambulance Transport Mileage Charge (Rural)	\$9.00 per mile
Helicopter Transport Mileage Charge (Non Rural)	\$19.00 per air mile
Helicopter Transport Mileage Charge (Rural)	\$30.00 per air mile

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Advanced Life Support Transport	\$315.00
In-County Mileage	\$ 6.05
Out-of-County Mileage	\$ 6.00
Waiting Time	\$ 30.00
Treat Non-Transport	\$ 25.00
Special Medical	\$ 75.00
Return Trip:	
(will be based on level of care required by patient; either Basic or Advanced Life Support)	
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