



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. VIII.I.
6/12/2012

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Resolution approving the ambulance transport rate increase to \$1,300, as recommended by the Emergency Medical Services Authority on May 23, 2012, effective July 1, 2012.

Background

The current rate for emergency transport through the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) is \$1,100 plus a charge for mileage. The resolution presented today raises the emergency transport rate to \$1,300 for the Western Division of EMSA. No change is proposed in the mileage rate of \$9.00 per mile. This same rate increase is being considered by the City of Tulsa and would apply to the Eastern Division of EMSA.

Because Oklahoma City is the beneficiary jurisdiction of the Western Division of EMSA's Western Division, any change in the rate by Oklahoma City will also change the rate in the other cities of the Western Division (Arcadia, Bethany, Edmond, Lake Aluma, Mustang, Nichols Hills, Piedmont, The Village, Valley Brook, Warr Acres and Yukon). Each of these other jurisdictions provides support for EMSA and this rate increase will reduce the amount of support required from them.

It should be noted that revenue from the rate increase will take about three months to impact EMSA's revenue stream. This is due to the delay between when EMSA begins to bill insurance companies and patients and when EMSA actually begins to receive the revenue. Once the revenue begins to come in, it is estimated that this rate increase will generate approximately \$120,000 per month in additional revenue for EMSA. With the rate increase proposed to take effect on July 1, 2012, it would be expected that additional revenue would begin to accrue to EMSA on October 1, 2012.

The last rate increase took effect March 1, 2009.

Previous Action

Resolution approving ambulance transport rate increase from \$719.71 to \$1,100, as approved by EMSA December 17, 2008, adopted by Council, February 3, 2009 (Item No. VIII.H.)

Review

Finance Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.

Attachment