

## MEMORANDUM

Date : July 26, 2017  
To: EMSA Board of Trustees  
From: Kent Torrence – Chief Financial Officer  
Subject: Eastern Division Emergency Transport Rate Increase

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**The emergency rate is increased \$400 from \$1300 to \$1700. The City of Tulsa utility rate remains the same at \$5.45.**

**The effective date of the increase is September 1, 2017.**

### Background

An increase in rate has been forecast since the 2016 budget year for implementation in the 2019 budget year.

The need for a rate increase in the 2018 budget year is due to the fact that actual and forecasted legal fees have increased \$2.4 million over previously forecasted legal fees. Without the unanticipated legal fees, the rate increase would have occurred in 2019 as originally forecast.

No rate increase is budgeted for the Western Division as Oklahoma City has left all utility funds received in the utility fund. The City of Tulsa received \$6.6 million from the utility fund for other EMS issues.

The rate increase will affect 17% of our patients (commercial insurance) since Medicare and Medicaid are set fees.