

Chapter 18 - AMBULANCES

ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

Sec. 18-1. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Ambulance means any motor vehicle especially designed, constructed, equipped and used for transporting the injured or sick in answer to an emergency call or a nonemergency transfer call.

Attendant means a person trained and qualified for the care of the patient or patients being transported in an ambulance.

Community Healthcare Program or CHP means a discretionary nonemergency outreach program adopted and operated by the Fire Department when time and workload allows that is designed to better serve the needs of McKinney residents who rely heavily on the City's Emergency Medical System ("EMS") for routine medical services by and through the City's Advanced Practice Paramedics ("APPs") working with a resident's healthcare providers to encourage residents toward healthcare options that may be more appropriate than the emergency room. CHP helps provide ongoing personal care for certain qualified residents that is intended to:

- (a) Improve patient outcomes;
- (b) Reduce costs to residents; and
- (c) Decrease reliance on emergency services.

The Community Healthcare Program shall not interfere with and shall be secondary to the Fire Department's primary mission of responding to emergency calls.

Driver means a person trained and qualified to drive an ambulance.

Emergency means any circumstance that calls for immediate action and in which the element of time in transporting the sick, wounded or injured for medical treatment is essential to the health or life of the person. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, accidents generally, traffic accidents, acts of violence resulting in personal injury and sudden illnesses.

Emergency call means any request for an ambulance that is made by telephone or other means of communication which is, or has been reported to be, an emergency requiring immediate ambulance service.

Health department means the health department of the city.

Transfer call means any request for ambulance service that is made by telephone or other means of communication in circumstances which are, or have been reported to be, a nonemergency call and not requiring immediate service.

Section 18-2. - General Duty of Fire Department.

The Fire Department shall provide all emergency ambulance service within the corporate limits of the City. The City Fire Department may provide nonemergency transfer ambulance service and a Community Healthcare Program."

Section 18-3. - Fees Charged for Service.

- (a) The fees charged by the City ambulance service shall be as set forth in Section 18-28.
- (b) The City does not regulate fees for nonemergency ambulance service or community healthcare programs not provided by the Fire Department. The City does not accept any responsibility for service or payments arising from nonemergency transfer ambulance service or the Community Healthcare Program. The City may, however, charge a fee to a healthcare program that requests the Fire Department to provide Community Healthcare Program outreach services to its patients, clients, or customers.

ARTICLE II. - MCKINNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT EMS DIVISION

Remains Unchanged.

APPENDIX A - SCHEDULE OF FEES

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Section 18-28. Amounts of Charges.

(a) Ambulance Service Charges - Patient charges:

- (1) a. BLS (basic life support) emergency:
 - (i) Resident 550.00
 - (ii) Nonresident 625.00
- b. ALS1 (advanced life support - level 1) emergency
 - (i) Resident 650.00
 - (ii) Nonresident 725.00
- c. ALS2 (advanced life support – level 2) emergency
 - (i) Resident 750.00
 - (ii) Nonresident 825.00
- (2) Cost per loaded mile 15.00
- (3) Extra attendant (CPR) 35.00
- (4) Oxygen 60.00
- (5) Treatment with no ambulance transport:
 - a. Resident:
 - (i) Treated with IV therapy/drugs 100.00
 - (ii) BLS treatment without IV therapy/drugs 75.00
 - b. Nonresident:
 - (i) Treated with IV therapy/drugs 150.00

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| (ii) BLS treatment without IV therapy/drugs | 100.00 |
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(6) Such costs as charged for medical supplies (fees set to cover city's cost) and drugs (at two times the city's cost) not covered by the receiving hospital/facility. | |
| a. Routine ALS supplies | 100.00 |
| b. Routine BLS supplies | 50.00 |

(b) Payment for services provided at the request of a health care provider or insurer pursuant to the City Fire Department for the administrative and logistics cost of the Community Health Program shall be as follows:

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| (1) <u>Home Safety Evaluation</u> | <u>150.00</u> |
| (2) <u>Enrollment Patient Monthly Care</u> | <u>500.00</u> |
| (3) <u>Post Hospital Discharge Visit</u> | <u>200.00</u> |