



Durango Fire Protection District

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RESOLUTION 2023 - 16

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATED FEE SCHEDULE FOR AMBULANCE AND EMS BILLING OF THE DURANGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Durango Fire Protection District (“DFPD”), pursuant to the Special District Act, may exercise all those powers and functions which are vested in statutory fire protection districts; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 32-1-1002(1)(c) authorizes fire protection districts to operate an ambulance service and an emergency medical service (ambulance and EMS service); and

WHEREAS, DFPD currently operates an ambulance and EMS service; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 32-1-1002(1)(e)(I) authorizes fire protection districts to fix and from time to time increase or decrease fees and charges for ambulance and EMS service; and

WHEREAS, DFPD has not updated its fees for such services since July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the cost of equipment, supplies and trained personnel necessary to provide such service has increased significantly in the last 5 years; and

WHEREAS, DFPD has reviewed its current fees for ambulance and EMS service and determined that its fees were consistently below regional averages and statewide rates provided by the agencies who report their fees; and

WHEREAS, 70% of DFPD insured payers for ambulance and EMS service have government plans at fixed reimbursement rates (Medicare/Medicaid) which will result in an increase in write-off percentages; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rates attached hereto are between 81% and 119% of the “Fair Health Consumer Database,” a defensible guidance tool for medical billing rates; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that ground ambulance services will be included in the Federal No Surprises Act at some point in the future eliminating balance-billing on private insurance accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of DFPD has found and determined that the rates proposed on the attached schedule are reasonable and necessary to ensure that DFPD can continue to provide quality ambulance and EMS service.

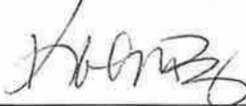
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DURANGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

1. The Board of Directors of the Durango Fire Protection District hereby ratifies and adopts the updated fee schedule for ambulance and EMS service attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. The adopted fee schedule shall be effective for all ambulance and EMS service commencing on January 1, 2024.

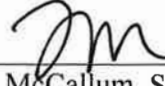
ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2023.

DURANGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BY: 

Karen Barger, President

ATTEST:



Tina McCallum, Secretary

AMBULANCE FEES

Durango Fire Protection District		
EMS- Ambulance Billing		
EFFECTIVE 1/1/2024		
Description	Code	Jan-24
AMB ALS-1 EMERG	A0427	\$ 1,820.00
AMB ALS-1 N/EMERG	A0426	\$ 1,615.00
AMB ALS-2 EMERG	A0433	\$ 2,184.00
AMB BLS-1 N/EMERG	A0428	\$ 1,260.00
AMB BLS-2 EMERG	A0429	\$ 1,575.00
AMB SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT	A0434	\$ 3,990.00
AMB EMERGENT NONTRANS	A09996	\$ 150.00
AMB FIELD TX/NON TRANSPORT BASIC	AO9990	\$ 220.00
AMB FIELD TX/NON TRNSP ALS 1	AO9991	\$ 530.00
AMB FIELD TX/NON TRNSP ALS 2	AO9992	\$ 1,525.00
AMB FIELD TX/NON TRNSP ALS 3	AO9993	\$ 2,470.00
AMB MILES EACH	A0390	\$ 38.00
AMB MILES EACH BLS	A0380	\$ 38.00
AMB WAIT TIME PER 30 Min	AO420	\$ 125.00
AMB 12 LEAD ECG	93005	\$ 130.00
AMB SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	99070	\$ 552.00