



Benton County Fire District #1

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RESOLUTION 2024-16

REPLACES RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT MODIFICATION OF RATES FOR RESIDENT AND NON- RESIDENT BILLING

WHEREAS, Benton County Fire Protection District No. 1 is authorized to establish and collect reasonable charges for emergency medical services and ambulance transport services provided to the public pursuant to RCW 52.12.131; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to periodically review and adjust service rates to reflect the actual cost of providing these critical services; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Fire Protection District No. 1 Board of Commissioners has reviewed the current emergency medical services and ambulance transport rates and determined that certain modifications are necessary to ensure financial sustainability while maintaining high-quality services for all patients, whether residents or non-residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it appropriate to eliminate the fee distinction between residents and non-residents and remove "Treat-No-Transport" (TNT) as a billable service; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that updating the base fees for ambulance transport services, as well as adjusting mileage fees, is in the best interest of the District and the community it serves;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Modification of EMS and Ambulance Transport Rates

1. **Basic Life Support (BLS), Intermediate Life Support (ILS), and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Fees:** The base fee for BLS, ILS, and ALS services shall be set at **\$1,200** per transport, regardless of the patient's residency status.
2. **Mileage Fee:** The fee for mileage shall be increased to **\$20 per mile**, calculated from the point of patient pickup to the destination.

Section 2. Elimination of TNT (Treat-No-Transport) as a Billable Service

The fee for "Treat-No-Transport" (TNT) shall be removed, and no charge will be assessed for instances in which patients are treated on the scene but not transported.

Section 3. Effective Date

This resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2024, and all modified rates shall apply to services provided on or after this date.

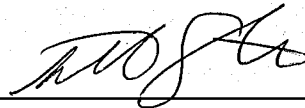
Section 4. Repealer

All previous resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Severability

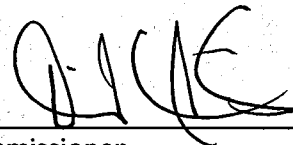
If any section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County Fire Protection District No. 1, Benton County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 1st day of October 2024, the following commissioners being present and voting:



Chairperson

Commissioner



Commissioner

Secretary, Board of Fire Commissioners