



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Study Session

Item -2

Discussion Regarding Abmulance Fees

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services has established a fee schedule for billing of services to Medicare and Medicaid patients. This program has been in planning and development for some time now and was mentioned in last years discussion of the fee schedule. We did not have the final ruling at that time. The ruling came out the first of March with an effective date of April 1, 2002.

These fees cover ambulance services to patients and have been revised to coincide with the Medicare format. There are changes in the fee amounts as well as descriptions of the services provided. The fees are shown in the attached documents.

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Proposed Ambulance Fee Schedule

	1999	2000	2001	2002/ 4-2002
Per call BLS (Basic Life Support) for non-emergency transportation, plus mileage, one way. 8.50 per mile	155.00	165.00	225.00	225.00 / 225.00
Per call for BLS emergency transportation, plus mileage, one way. 8.50 per mile	255.00	349.00	400.00	400.00 / 400.00
Per call for ALS (Advanced Life Support) Level 1 (ALS 1) non-emergency service, plus mileage. One way, 8.50 per mile.				475.00
Per call for ALS Level 1 (ALS 1) emergency service, plus mileage, one way. 8.50 per mile	355.00	550.00	575.00	575.00 / 500.00
Per call for ALS Level 2 (ALS 2) Advanced care, emergency service, plus mileage, one way, 8.50 per mile				575.00
Per call for ALS emergency service when patient is not transported but some service is rendered; (plus supplies)	75.00	75.00	80.00	170.00
Additional Attendant				99.00 99.00
Specialty Care Transport				325.00
Mileage Fee, per patient mile	6.05/mile	7.50/mile	8.00/mile	8.50/mi 8.50/mi
Standby Ambulance Service	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00 25.00
Paramedic Intercept				475.00
Mayor and Council have established fees for certain medical supplies used for ambulance calls based on prices currently charged by Saint Francis Medical Center. The Fire Chief is authorized to adjust prices and add or delete products as necessary.				