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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

December 27, 2022

**TO:** Orange County Fire Chiefs  
Orange County City Managers  
Orange County Ambulance Service Providers

**FROM:** Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN, EMS Director *TMcConnell RN*

**SUBJECT: REVISION TO MAXIMUM EMERGENCY GROUND AMBULANCE RATES: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023**

This is to inform you that on December 20, 2022, the Orange County Board of Supervisors established maximum BLS emergency Ground Ambulance rates, as follows:

**Maximum BLS Emergency Ground Ambulance Rates**

Type of Charge	Basis for Charge	7/1/2022 Rate	Effective January 1, 2023
Emergency BLS Base Rate	Applicable for urgent or Code 3 response at the request of a public safety employee	\$1,381.75	\$1,832.27
Mileage	Per patient mile or fraction thereof.	\$ 19.77	\$ 19.05
Oxygen (includes mask or cannula)	When administered.	\$ 96.95	Included in base rate
Standby time	Per 30 minutes after the first 30 minutes.	\$ 47.50*	\$ 129.00
Expendable Medical Supplies	Maximum per response.	\$ 38.27	Included in base rate

\*Standby Time rate had been based upon every 15 minutes after the first 15 minutes.

**Maximum ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transport Rate for OCFA Jurisdictional Areas (except for San Clemente, Westminster, and Buena Park):** ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transport Rate \$387.35

These rates become effective on January 1, 2023 by Board of Supervisors' Resolution No. 22-163. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Endo at (714) 834-3507.

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Attachments: Board Resolution No. 22-163  
Orange County EMS Policy/Procedure #714.00



**MAXIMUM EMERGENCY GROUND AMBULANCE RATES**

I. AUTHORITY:

*Orange County Board of Supervisors, Resolution No. 22-163, Item No. 34*

**MAXIMUM EMERGENCY GROUND AMBULANCE RATES**

**EFFECTIVE January 1, 2023**

The following is a list of maximum allowable emergency ambulance service rates to be charged an emergency patient by a licensee. These rates were approved by the County of Orange Board of Supervisors.

TYPE OF CHARGE	BASIS FOR CHARGE	2022 Rate	RATE
Emergency BLS Base Rate	Applicable for urgent or Code 3 responses at the request of a public safety employee	\$1,381.75	\$1,832.27
Mileage	Per patient mile or fraction thereof	\$ 19.77	\$ 19.05
Oxygen (includes mask or cannula)	Applicable when administered	\$ 96.95	Included in Base Rate
Standby	Per 30 minutes after the first 30 minutes and any fraction thereof	\$ 47.50*	\$ 129.00
Expendable Medical Supplies	Maximum per response or fair market value, whichever is the least amount	\$ 38.27	Included in Base Rate

\*per 15 minutes after the first 15 minutes and any fraction thereof.

ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transportation Rate for Orange County Fire Authority Jurisdictional Area (excepting for San Clemente, Westminster, and Buena Park) \$387.35

**Approved:**




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OCEMS Director

Effective Date: 01/01/2023  
 Reviewed Date: 12/27/2022  
 Original Date: 7/1989

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

December 20, 2022

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4-9-12 of the Codified Ordinances of Orange County, the Health Care Agency is proposing the Board of Supervisors (“this Board”) adopt new maximum 9-1-1 emergency Basic Life Support (BLS) ground ambulance and Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedic assessment and transport rates for the unincorporated areas of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, certain cities within the County of Orange have adopted Section 4-9-12 of the Codified Ordinances of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors conducted a Public Hearing to set the maximum 9-1-1 emergency BLS ground ambulance and ALS paramedic assessment and transport rates for the unincorporated areas of Orange County and the cities that have adopted Section 4-9-12 of the Codified Ordinances of Orange County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby rescinds all prior Resolutions as pertain to the maximum 9-1-1 medical emergency BLS ground ambulance and ALS paramedic assessment and transport rates, specifically Resolution No. 17-094, dated August 8, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board hereby establishes the following maximum 9-1-1 emergency ambulance services rates that private ambulance operators may charge in the unincorporated areas of Orange County and within the cities that have adopted Section 4-9-12 of the Codified Ordinances of Orange County:

**I. Maximum 9-1-1 Emergency BLS Ground Ambulance Rates**

Description	2022 Rate	Effective January 1, 2023
(1) Emergency BLS Base Rate	\$ 1,381.75	\$1,832.27
(2) Mileage (per patient mile or fraction thereof)	\$ 19.77	\$19.05

(3) Oxygen (applicable when administered)	\$ 96.95	Included in base rate
(4) Standby time (per 15 minutes after the first 15 minutes)	\$ 47.50	\$129.00 (per 30 minutes)
(5) Expendable Medical Supplies (maximum per response)	\$ 38.27	Included in base rate

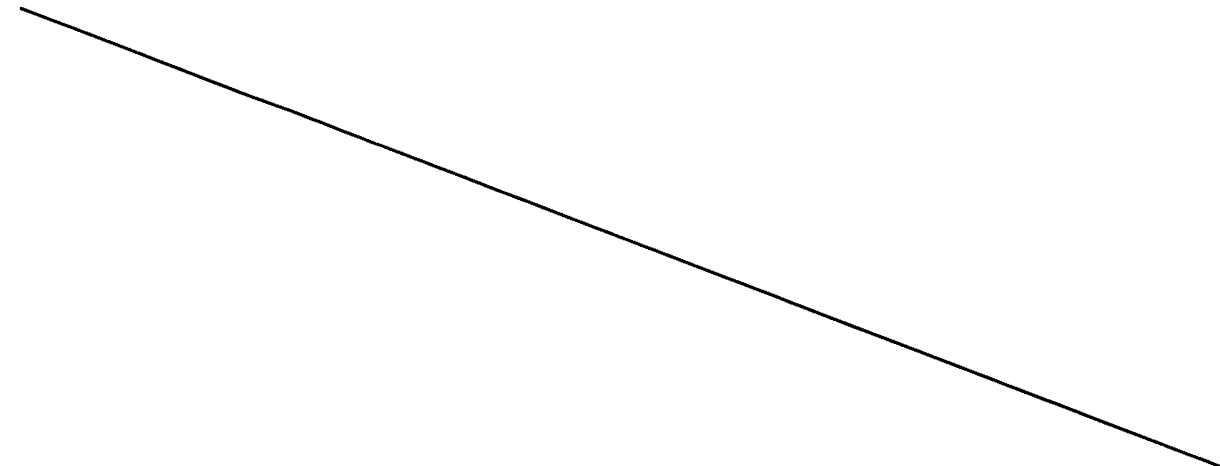
**II. Maximum 9-1-1 Emergency ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transport Rate:**

ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transport Rate                      \$387.35

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board adopts the methodologies for adjusting the above maximum rates (i.e., BLS and ALS), effective July 1, 2023, by multiplying the rates by the percentage change in the transportation portion of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, Western Region as compiled and reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-month period ending with the last day of the prior month, February.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Health Care Agency Director or designee is authorized to make an annual adjustment to the above maximum rates, effective July 1 of each year, by multiplying the rates by the percentage change in the transportation portion of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, Western Region as compiled and reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-month period ending with the last day of the prior month, February.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Health Care Agency Director or designee may seek this Board’s approval for any adjustments to the maximum rates set forth in this Resolution that exceed the methodology adopted in this Resolution.



The foregoing was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, on December 20, 2022, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: KATRINA FOLEY, DOUG CHAFFEE, ANDREW DO  
DONALD P. WAGNER, LISA A. BARTLETT  
NOES: Supervisor(s):  
EXCUSED: Supervisor(s):  
ABSTAINED: Supervisor(s):

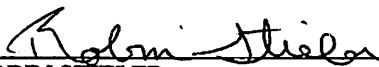
  
CHAIRMAN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
  )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE )

I, ROBIN STIELER, Clerk of the Board of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.



  
ROBIN STIELER  
Clerk of the Board  
County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: 22-163  
Agenda Date: 12/20/2022  
Item No: 34



I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Orange County, State of California

Robin Stieler, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy