

Township of Lawrence
County of Mercer

Ordinance No. 2141-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 6A OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 6A of the Lawrence Township Administrative Code is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION I

The Administrative Code of the Township of Lawrence is hereby amended by adding to Chapter 6A a new section 28, entitled "Fees for Emergency Medical Services."

Schedule of fees.

Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance Transport Services Fees:

1. A fee of [~~six hundred seventy-five~~] seven hundred eighty-five dollars [~~(\$675)]~~ (\$785) plus [~~ten~~] fifteen dollars [~~(\$10)]~~ (\$15) per mile calculated one way will be charged to all persons receiving ambulance transport service by the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services.
 - a. In addition to the above, a fee in the amount of [~~sixty~~] seventy dollars [~~(\$60)]~~ (\$70) will be charged for the use of oxygen when required,
 - b. A fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25) will be charged for the use of a cervical collar when required.
 - c. When it becomes necessary to extricate a person(s) from a motor vehicle, domestic entrapment or confined spaces, the following fees will be assessed: stabilization/extrication, nine-hundred and fifty dollars (\$950), power extrication with the use of mechanized tools, one-thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,950), a technical rescue (rope/swift water/flood water, trench, confined space, etc.), two-thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800).

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the payment of the fee by any person receiving such ambulance transport services from the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services will be waived provided such person certifies that he/she has no medical insurance coverage in effect to cover the ambulance transport services.
 - [a. The Township will accept the amount paid by an insurance company as payment in full and will not seek further reimbursement for services for any resident of Lawrence Township.]
 - b. [Any non-residents of Lawrence Township who receives] All persons that receive ambulance services shall be billed for any co-payments, co-insurance payment or deductible payment as required.
 - c. The recipient of ambulance transport services must facilitate the submittal of the bill for such services if required by the insurance company or secondary insurance company, and provide all required information necessary for payment.
 - d. The Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Police will be responsible for the billing of all services and/or third party administration of billing.
3. The Township of Lawrence is authorized to enter into contracts with various hospitals that provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) services to patients that are transported by the Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Service allowing the hospitals to bundle bill Medicare for service rendered. The hospital will reimburse the Township of Lawrence its transportation costs within forty-five (45) days of receiving payment.
4. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption thereof.

Adopted: December 18, 2012

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Deleted material is bracketed []

RECORD OF VOTE

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Powers	X						
Mr. Maffei	X						
Mrs. Lewis	X						X
Mr. Puliti	X					X	
Mayor Kownacki	X						