

## EMS PROPOSAL FOR TANSPORT RATE INCREASE REPORT

American Medical Response has recently increased the billing amount for transporting patients within the City of Las Vegas based largely on Medicare fee increases. In order to remain competitive but not significantly undercut AMR, it is a Las Vegas Fire & Rescue goal to remain within 20% of the AMR billing rate. The option provided below allows for a competitive billing rate with the local private provider and a matching rate with Henderson Fire Department.

<b>EMS Section Proposal for Transport Rate Increases</b>			
<b>Proposed Change</b>			
<b>Increase Billing Rate for Transport</b>			
<b>Current billing rates are:</b>			
Level of Care	LVFR	AMR	Henderson
ALS II	\$450	\$603	\$577
ALS	\$400	\$551	\$529
BLS	\$350	\$469	\$448
Mileage	\$7.50/mile	\$10.91/mile	\$8.72/mile
<b>Suggested increases are:</b>			
Level of Care	LVFR	AMR	
ALS II	\$577	\$603	
ALS	\$529	\$551	
Emergency BLS	\$506	\$523	
Non- emergency ALS	\$471	\$491	
Non- emergency	\$448	\$469	
Mileage	\$8.72/mile	\$10.50/mile	

Las Vegas Fire Rescue recommends an increase in the fee scheule to equal the rate of our closest public ambulance service provider fee. This increased fee schedule is still significantly less than the private ambulance providers and is in line with regional pricing strategies. Additionally, in December of every year, the City Manager shall review the existing fee schedule and may approve a cost of living increase for up to an amount equal to eighty percent of the percentage of change, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a percent, in the annual average of the CPI-U (Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers and Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) between the most recent twelve month period ending on December 31<sup>st</sup> and the previous twelve month period.