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FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: April 5, 2010

SUBJECT: In-Depth / Proposed New Ambulance Service Fee Schedule

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule is reviewed annually and discussed during our budget sessions. We just received a letter from Wellmark advising they will be changing their Maximum Allowable Fee (MAF) on July 1, 2010, which ultimately affects our billing and payments associated with specific types of emergency calls.

BACKGROUND:

Ambulance charges are reviewed and changed in accordance with the latest Medicare Fee Schedule. The last Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance rate changes occurred in January of 2009. Wellmark will be increasing their MAF in July of 2010, which means that we are allowed to change our rates in accordance with their new fees. If we don't change our rates to be in line with their new fees, in essence we will be missing out on potential revenue. The fee changes only apply to ALS-1 Emergency, ALS 2, and Specialty Care Transports. The estimated changes will generate approximately \$ 16,000 in additional ambulance revenue for FY10/11.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

The Muscatine Fire Department recommends changing our Fee Schedule in accordance to Wellmark's new Maximum Allowable Fee for ambulance charges on July 1, 2010.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed 2010 Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule
2. Current Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule



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Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule

Effective July 1, 2010 these are the rates for our services:

All BLS Calls -	\$ 525.00
ALS 1 Calls -	\$ 616.00
ALS 2 Calls -	\$ 891.00
SCT Calls -	\$ 1,053.00
ALS Services Provided, No Transport -	\$ 150.00
Mileage Rate, Per Loaded Mile -	\$ 11.00
Standby Time - \$ 100.00 per hour (\$ 25.00 per 15 minute increment)	
Extra Attendant - \$ 50.00 per hour (\$ 12.50 per 15 minute increment)	

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Effective January 9, 2009 these are the rates for our services:

All BLS Calls -	\$ 525.00
ALS 1 Calls -	\$ 586.00
ALS 2 Calls -	\$ 848.00
SCT Calls -	\$ 1,002.00
ALS Services Provided, No Transport -	\$ 150.00
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