

NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF PROMULGATION OF FINAL RULE

AMENDED SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED in the Fire Commissioner of the City of New York pursuant to Section 487(f) of the New York City Charter, that the New York City Fire Department has adopted amendments to Fire Department rule 3 RCNY §4900-02, entitled “Schedule of Charges for Fire Department Ambulance Transport Service,” increasing the rates for Fire Department Emergency Medical Service (EMS) ambulance service.

The public hearing on the rate increase was held on February 6, 2012. The amended Schedule of Charges for Fire Department Ambulance Transport Service shall take effect on March 17, 2012.

The Notice of Promulgation, amended Schedule of Charges for Fire Department Ambulance Transport Service, and Statement of Basis and Purpose for Ratemaking Action, will be available on the Fire Department’s website (www.nyc.gov/fdny) and NYCRULES (www.nyc.gov/NYCRULES).

The Fire Department hereby amends subdivision (b) of §4900-02 of Title 3 of the Rules of the City of New York to adopt the following schedule of charges for ambulance transport service provided by the Fire Department through the New York City 911 System:

§4900-02 Schedule of Charges for Fire Department Ambulance Transport Service

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- (b) Effective [February 1, 2009] March 17, 2012, the charges for Fire Department ambulance transport service are as follows:

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Basic Life Support Ambulance	\$ [515.00] <u>704.00</u>
Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service Level 1 (ALS1)	\$ [750.00] <u>1,190.00</u>
Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service Level 2 (ALS2)	\$ [850.00] <u>1,290.00</u>
Additional Charges:	
– Mileage (distance traveled to hospital)	\$ [7.00] <u>12.00/mile</u>
– Provision of Oxygen (as applicable)	\$ [50.00] <u>60.00</u>

*Note: Retain underlining of **highlighted** text in publication of final rule.*

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE FOR RATEMAKING ACTION:

The Fire Department has determined to increase the amounts it charges patients and insurers for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) ambulance transport service provided through the New York City 911 System, to reflect increased costs and help defray the City's cost of providing these services.

The charges for ambulance service were last increased in February 2009. The 2009 rates did not allow the Fire Department to recoup the cost of providing these services. The rate increases that have been adopted will contribute to recouping the cost of such services and reducing the portion of such cost that is currently borne by City taxpayers.

The amended schedule of charges sets forth a single rate for BLS service, and separate rates for ALS1 and ALS2 levels of service. The definition of BLS, ALS1 and ALS2 are determined by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The rates set forth in the Schedule of Charges for Fire Department Ambulance Transport Service are the amounts that the Fire Department would bill for EMS ambulance treatment and transport service. The rates do not necessarily reflect the amounts accepted by the Fire Department as payment for such services from government and private health insurance plans.

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