

RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 89

A RESOLUTION OF THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING RESCUE EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICE FEES AND ASSOCIATED COLLECTION POLICIES PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 2012-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

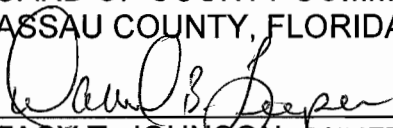
WHEREAS, the Nassau County Fire Rescue Department provides emergency and non-emergency rescue services within the boundaries of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners is authorized by Ordinance 2012-17 to establish fees and collection policies for these services by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that the attached fee schedule and collection policies, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", shall be hereby adopted effective July 1st, 2012.

ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2012

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


~~STACY T. JOHNSON~~ DANIEL B. LEEPER
Its: ~~Chair~~ Vice Chair

ATTEST AS TO CHAIR'S
SIGNATURE:


JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:


DAVID A. HALLMAN

EXHIBIT A
 NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
 EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICE FEES
 SCHEDULE OF FEES-EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

<u>Rate Description</u>	<u>SHORT NAME</u>	<u>MEDICAL CODE</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Basic Life Support-Emergency	BLS	A0429	\$500.00 per transport
Advanced Life Support 1-Emergency	ALS 1	A0427	\$600.00 per transport
Advanced Life Support 2-Emergency	ALS2	A0433	\$700.00 per transport
Specialty Care Transport	SCT	A0434	\$800.00 per transport
Mileage (BLS or ALS)-minimum of one mile		A0425	\$10.50 per mile
Mileage-Medicaid > 30 Out of County		A0999	per mile rate as established by the Florida Medicaid Ambulance Transportation Services Coverage, Limitations and Reimbursement Handbook Chapter 2-Covered Services, Limitations, and Exclusions
Event Fee			\$40 per hour per staff member
Medical Records Reproduction:			
-for the first 25 pages			\$1.00 per page
-for each page in excess of 25 pages			\$0.25 cents per page
-for special kinds of medical records			actual costs which includes the cost of the material and supplies used to duplicate the record, as well as the labor costs and overhead costs associated with such duplication

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EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICE FEES
COLLECTION POLICIES-EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Past Due Accounts:

Overdue accounts are sent to a collection agency after every attempt is made by the Billing department to collect the outstanding debt. After the accounts have been in collection for over 180 days, a request will be made to the County Manager to remove these past due accounts from active accounts receivable.

Balances of \$5 or less:

All accounts with a balance of \$5 or less will be written off. No refunds will be made for accounts with a credit balance of \$5 or less.

Deceased/Probate Estate Cases:

Should a decedent have an unpaid balance for ambulance services, the following shall occur:

1. The decedent's Personal Representative will notify the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners Billing Department that a probate estate has been filed with the Probate Court.
2. The Billing Department shall ensure that a Notice of a Claim is filed with the Probate Court.
3. In the event that a decedent has no assets, with proof of death, the County Manager may waive the outstanding debt.

Bankruptcy Cases:

1. Upon receipt of an Automatic Stay Order from the Bankruptcy Court that an individual has filed bankruptcy, the account will be placed on hold and a proof of claim will be filed with the Bankruptcy Court.
2. The Billing Department will cease attempts to collect on the debt.
3. Collection attempts will resume if a Dismissal Order or Relief from Stay Order is received from the Bankruptcy Court.
4. Upon receipt of a Discharge of Debtor Order, the outstanding debt will be forwarded to the County Manager for write off approval. A Discharge of Debtor Order prohibits the creditors from taking any form of collection action on discharged debts.

Guidelines for Adjustments:

Contractual adjustments will be made in accordance with applicable rules and regulations for the following insurance agencies:

1. Medicare (including Hospice Benefits)
2. Medicaid (Florida and Georgia)
3. Victims' Compensation
4. Worker's Compensation
5. Veteran's Administrations
6. HMO/REFORMS (including Medicare and Medicaid)
7. Champus/Tricare
8. Railroad Retirement Adjustments

Hardship/Indigent Cases:

1. No adjustment of debts will be made for hardship or indigent cases.
2. Payment plans may be established and will not accrue interest or be placed into collection.
3. If a customer has a payment plan and does not make the agreed scheduled payments, the account will be turned over to the collection agency.

Approval of Write Offs:

The County Manager shall have the authority to approve all write offs. A report will be provided quarterly to the Board of County Commissioners of County Manager approved write offs.