

Meeting Date
April 14, 2009



AGENDA	
Section	Public Hearing
Item No.	V.A

**AGENDA REPORT**  
 BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST APPROVAL TO MODIFY EMS RATE RESOLUTION 03-227 TO REFLECT PROPOSED INCREASES TO EMS BILLING RATES. FISCAL IMPACT: AN APPROXIMATE ANNUAL REVENUE INCREASE OF \$737,000.

**DEPT. / OFFICE:** FIRE RESCUE

**Requested Action:**

Request approval to adopt new ambulance billing rates; BLS: \$501.00, ALS1: \$541.00, ALS2: \$627.00 and Mileage: \$9.18. The resolution will also include language that states that if, in the future, the Medicare reimbursable increases above any established billing rate, that billing rate shall be adjusted to match the Medicare reimbursable rate.

**Summary Explanation & Background:**

On March 24, 2009, during regular Board session, Fire Rescue Staff requested Board direction in regards to adjusting the current ambulance patient billing rates. Staff identified two (2) billing rates that were lower than what Medicare would reimburse for. Staff also provided the Board with various billing rate options based on comparisons with other ambulance providers.

The Board approved Option 3 (average rate level of other ambulance providers) and approved Staff's request for a public hearing to adjust the EMS Rate Resolution.

Approval of the new ambulance billing rates will provide for an annual revenue increase of \$737,000; which will result in a lower General Fund subsidy to the department's EMS budget.


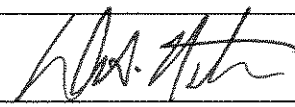
**FISCAL IMPACT:**    FY 09    \$285,000 revenue increase  
                               FY 10    \$737,000 revenue increase

**CONTACT:** Dennis Neterer, Interim Fire Chief  
 dennis.neterer@brevardcounty.us  
 Ph: 633-2056, ext. 52555

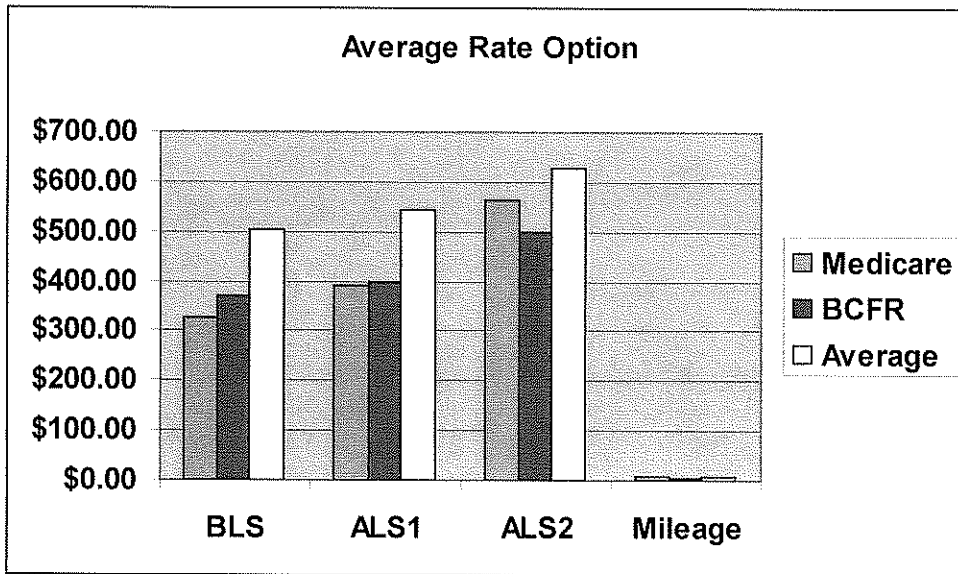
**Exhibits Attached:**

EMS Rate Resolution

**Contract /Agreement (If attached):** Reviewed by County    Yes        No   

County Manager's Office		Department	
Frank Abbate, Interim Assistant County Manager		Dennis Neterer, Interim Fire Chief	

Option 3: Adopt rates that represent the average of other providers (17 counties, 42 municipalities).  
**Revenue increase: \$737,000**



	Medicare	BCFR	Average
BLS	\$327.54	\$369.00	\$501.35
ALS1	\$388.95	\$399.00	\$541.17
ALS2	\$562.96	\$499.00	\$626.62
Mileage	\$6.87	\$6.00	\$9.18

RESOLUTION NO. ~~03-227~~ \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. ~~98-179~~ 03-227  
AMENDING THE FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD  
COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE  
SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIFIED SERVICE AREA;  
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 125.01 (1) (e), Florida statutes, grants boards of county commissioners the power to provide ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 71-556, Special Acts of Florida (1971), grants boards of county commissioners the power to grant exclusive and non-exclusive franchises for the maintenance and operation of the business of providing emergency and non-emergency ambulance services in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 71-556, Special Acts of Florida (1971), grants boards of county commissioners the option to operate and maintain exclusive county ambulance services within any and all parts of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of this county; and to exclude the maintenance and operation of any other municipality, person, firm, association or corporation of ambulance services, both emergency and non-emergency, in such areas as the county elects to operate county ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida has exercised its option under Chapter 71-556, Special Acts of Florida (1971), to operate and maintain exclusive county emergency ambulance services within the service area described herein; and

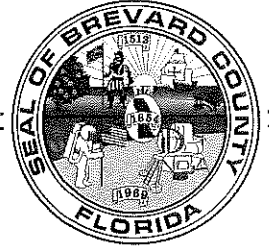
WHEREAS, Chapter 71-556, Special Acts of Florida (1971), authorizes boards of county commissioners to establish schedule of fees for the furnishing of ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, THE Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, is desirous of revising the schedule of fees for the furnishing of ambulance services as adopted on ~~August 25, 1998~~ September 9, 2003 in Resolution No. ~~98-179~~ 03-227.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. REVISED SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES. A revised schedule of fees and charges specified herein is hereby established and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, for the Brevard County Emergency Medical Services to operate and maintain emergency ambulances services:





TAMARA J. RICARD, Clerk to the Board, 400 South Street • P.O. Box 999, Titusville, Florida 32781-0999

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March 25, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dennis Neterer, Interim Fire Rescue Chief

RE: Item VII.C.1., Board Direction for Increasing Emergency Medical Services  
Billing Rates

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 24, 2009, granted permission to advertise a public hearing to consider adoption of rates that represent the average of other providers (17 counties, 42 municipalities); and approved that when Medicare rates increase above the County's rates, the County rates automatically adjust to the Medicare rate.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

  
Tamara Ricard, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Finance  
Budget

## Lewis, Sally A

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**From:** Perez-Ostrom, Joanna  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2009 2:40 PM  
**To:** Lewis, Sally A  
**Subject:** FW: Public Hearing Notice to be published in the Legal section

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**From:** Cicala, Kathy [mailto:kcicala@floridatoday.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2009 2:35 PM  
**To:** Perez-Ostrom, Joanna  
**Subject:** RE: Public Hearing Notice to be published in the Legal section

The ad below has been processed to publish on 4/2 #122603 \$140.33. The affidavit will be sent to Sally Lewis is the correct?

AD122603,04/02/2009 ☐

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<BF>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ☐  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN <NM>that the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, on April 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Room at 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building C, First Floor, Viera, Fl. 32940, will hold a public hearing on the following: ☐

<BF>RESOLUTION 09\_\_\_\_ ☐  
<IT.6>A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 03-227 AMENDING THE FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIFIED SERVICE AREA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.<NM><X!> ☐

ÔÔIf a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.ÔÔ ☐

ÔÔPersons seeking to preserve a verbatim transcript of the record must make those arrangements at their own expense.ÔÔ ☐  
The needs of hearing or visually impaired persons shall be met if the department sponsoring the meeting/hearing is contacted at least 5 days prior to the public meeting/hearing by any person wishing assistance. The sponsoring department is the Fire Rescue Department, telephone no. (321) 633-2056. ☐

A copy of the Resolution may be inspected  
at the following locations: □  
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners û  
Titusville Public Library û  
Central Brevard Library û  
Melbourne Public Library û  
South Mainland/Micco Library û  
By order of the Board of County Commis-  
sioners of Brevard County, Florida. □  
FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT □  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS □  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA □

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**From:** Perez-Ostrom, Joanna [<mailto:joanna.perez-ostrom@brevardcounty.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2009 12:19 PM  
**To:** Cicala, Kathy  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Notice to be published in the Legal section

Hi Kathy,  
Attached is the Notice of Public Hearing to be run on April 2, 2009 in the Legal Advertisements Section.  
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Thank you,

*Joanna Perez Ostrom*  
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Brevard County Fire Rescue  
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[joanna.perez-ostrom@brevardcounty.us](mailto:joanna.perez-ostrom@brevardcounty.us)