

CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

Fire Department

EXHIBIT "A"

TO: Mayor Daryl J. Kingston
RE: Request to Increase EMS Billing Rates
DATE: March 26, 2024

Mayor,

I respectfully request that we seek approval from City Council at the April 2, 2024 meeting to increase our billing rates for emergency medical services.

Our EMS billing vendor (Great Lakes Billing Associates, Inc.) has advised me that our current billing rates are behind the State average. The last time we increased our billing rates was on April 5, 2016 and those current rates are as follows:

Basic Life Support Incident - \$550.00
Advanced Life Support Incident I - \$650.00
Advanced Life Support Incident II - \$750.00
Mileage Rate - \$12.00 / per loaded mile

The proposed increase is as follows:

Basic Life Support Incident - \$650.00
Advanced Life Support Incident I - \$750.00
Advanced Life Support Incident II - \$1,100.00
Mileage Rate - \$16.00 / per loaded mile

EMS billing only occurs for patient's transported to the hospital. Residents of the City of Brecksville would continue to be "soft billed". The soft billing concept only accepts what the medical insurance provider will pay. The resident's bill balance is not pursued. EMS billing funds are utilized for capital purchases (i.e. vehicles and equipment) over \$5,000 and lasting at least five years.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Nick Zamiska
Fire Chief, Brecksville Fire Department

