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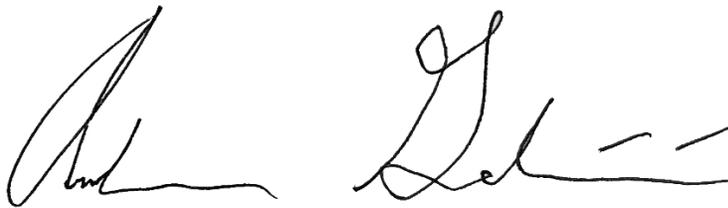
Chief Clemons,

With the proposed change in billing. I am also proposing a change in our billing structure. I have discussed this with Trinity EMS Consultants and Billing, the new proposed company. We are currently billing a flat rate \$800.00 for all transport levels. With prices changing in all markets and with research done against several departments our billing structure runs a bit high on BLS transports. I am proposing a change to \$700.00 for BLS transports, \$800.00 for ALS 1 transports, and \$900.00 for ALS 2 transports. This billing structure allows for us to recover more when more medical equipment and medications are used. These are within the upper payment limits on insurances.

I am also proposing a \$50.00 response fee for ambulance responses when no transport is provided. Medicaid, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and Cigna will cover most of if not all of the cost of this for insured patients. This fee will help offset the cost of services, medications, and treatments provided without the patient being transported to the hospital. This fee will not apply to lift assists or to 3<sup>rd</sup> party calls where no treatment or minimal assessment was provided, such as motor vehicle collisions where a passerby called 911.

I feel that these changes will greatly assist in offsetting the cost changes in medical supplies and medications that we use daily to treat and transport critically injured and ill patients. Continuing to improve and provide the highest quality of service to the citizens we serve.

Thank you,



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