



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3240, Agenda Item #: 12.

11/12/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending Exhibit A to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City of Austin Fee and Fine Ordinance (Ordinance No. 20200812-002) to update the discount program fees for Emergency Medical Services Transports.

Lead Department

Emergency Medical Services.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

August 12, 2020 - City Council approved Ordinance No. 20200812-002, that authorized fees, fines, and other charges to be set or charged by the City for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 beginning on October 1, 2020 and ending on September 30, 2021. Ordinance No. 20200812-002 included a discounted fee for Basic Level Service, Advanced Level Service (1) and Advanced Level Service (2).

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Emergency Medical Services Department is updating its fee discount program to provide discounts on emergency transport at the Basic, Advanced and Advanced 2 level of services. Historically, the fee discount program has required participants to be at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Index Guidelines to participate. The updated discount program allows for a percentage write-off of the base rate charges determined by the Federal Poverty Level, which is based on Adjusted Gross Income criteria:

Federal Poverty Level	Percent write-off (discounted)
Below 125%	100%
Below 150%	75%
Below 175%	50%
Below 200%	25%
*Determined medically indigent - 500% FPL with ATCEMS bills exceeding 10% of AGI	50%

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.