

RESOLUTION NO.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO ACTING AS THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 3

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMBULANCE RATE SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 3
FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES

(Supersedes: Resolution 089-2022)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Sections 54985 and 66016 and County Ordinance Code Section 1.04.260, the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County has established rates, charges, and fees for certain activities; and

WHEREAS, once established, rates, charges, and fees may be modified, set, or fixed by the Board of Supervisors by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 089-2022 on June 21, 2022, which established the Ambulance Rate Schedule for County Service Area No. 3 for advanced life support ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it is necessary to continue providing advanced life support (ALS) ambulance services within the legal boundaries of County Service Area No. 3; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that the patients and users of such ambulance service pay a standardized rate for services to reimburse in part the cost of such ambulance service within County Service Area No. 3; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that an annual adjustment of ambulance rates shall be based on an average of the changes in the US Medical Care Services and the San Francisco-Oakland All Items indices of the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index. In the event that the average of US Medical Care Services and the San Francisco Oakland All Items indices is zero or a negative percentage in any given year, ambulance rates shall not be changed during that year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Administrative Office, Emergency Medical Services Division, has updated the requirements for Critical Care/Specialty Care Transports to include care provided by specially trained paramedics, to provide an expanded scope of practice during Critical Care/Specialty Care Transports; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Administrative Office, Emergency Medical Services Division, has found it necessary to update the Ambulance Rate Schedule for County Service Area No. 3, included in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, to provide an updated description and definition for Critical Care/Specialty Care Transports to include the expanded scope of practice for Critical Care paramedics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors do hereby adopt, effective April 8, 2025, the Ambulance Rate Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A for ambulance services within the said County Service Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors do hereby adopt and approve an annual adjustment of ambulance rates based on an average of the changes in the US Medical Care Services and San Francisco-Oakland All Items indices of the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index and in the

event that the average of US Medical Care Services and the San Francisco Oakland All Items indices is zero or a negative percentage in any given year, ambulance rates shall not be changed during that year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the billing for said services and collections thereof shall be managed by the Chief Administrative Office, Emergency Medical Services Division in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Office, Fiscal Unit of the County of El Dorado.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the ____ day of _____, 20__, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors

**2025 EL DORADO COUNTY
AMBULANCE RATE SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA No. 3**

Effective April 8, 2025

Description	Rate
ALS Emergency Base Rate ¹ – Resident	\$2,559
ALS Emergency Base Rate – Nonresident*	\$3,017
ALS Non-Emergency Base Rate ² – Resident	\$2,559
ALS Non-Emergency Base Rate – Nonresident*	\$3,017
ALS Level 2 ³ – Resident	\$2,696
ALS Level 2 – Nonresident*	\$3,156
Mileage	\$64/mile
Facility Waiting Time (per 1/4 hour)	\$326
Oxygen Use	\$199
Standby (Per Hour)	\$241
Critical Care/Specialty Care Transport ⁴ – Resident	\$3,784
Critical Care/Specialty Care Transport – Nonresident*	\$4,245
Treatment – No Transport ⁵	\$728
Medical Supplies & Drugs ⁶	Market Cost + 15%

¹ ALS Emergency Base Rate: This base rate is charged for all emergency transports for which the patient was transported to an acute care hospital or rendezvous point with an air ambulance at least 0.1 mile from the pick up location.

² ALS Non-Emergency Base Rate: This base rate is charged for non-emergency transfers from a private residence, convalescent care, skilled nursing facility, or hospital and does not require an emergency response (i.e., red lights and siren) to the pick up location.

³ ALS Level 2: This charge applies when there has been a medically necessary administration of at least three different medications or the provision of one or more of the following ALS procedures: manual defibrillation/cardioversion, endotracheal intubation, central venous line, cardiac pacing, chest decompression, surgical airway, or intraosseous line.

⁴ Critical Care/Specialty Care Transport: This charge applies when a patient receives care from a registered nurse or Critical Care paramedic during transport from a hospital to another receiving facility.

⁵ Treatment – No Transport: This charge applies when the patient receives an assessment and at least one ALS intervention (i.e., ECG monitor, IV, etc.), but then refuses transport or is transported by other means (i.e., private car, air ambulance, etc.)

⁶ Medical Supplies & Drugs: Medical supplies and drugs are billed at provider's net cost plus a handling charge of 15% to cover the costs of materials, ordering, shipping and inventory control.

* Nonresident: Charge applies to a patient whose home address includes a city, state or zip code located outside El Dorado County.