



# Emergency Medical System (EMS) Cost Recovery Program

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

**Billing** - Invoice for EMS services sent to recipient or responsible party for payment of services provided by authorized EMS transport agencies operating in Fluvanna County. Billing is based on a fee schedule adopted by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors. The fee schedule may change from time to time.

**Billing Contractor** - Third-party company retained by Fluvanna County to prepare billings and collect monies due for EMS services rendered.

**Billing Data** - Information collected at the time the EMS services are provided, or as soon thereafter as practicable, including but not limited to: primary and secondary insurance carriers, including Medicare and Medicaid, related insurance policy and group numbers, the person responsible for cost of patient's care, and the patient's name, address, and telephone number.

**Financial Hardship** - The patient's inability to pay, in whole or in part, fees charged for EMS services rendered by authorized EMS transport agencies operating in Fluvanna County.

**Hardship Waiver** - The determination, made on a case-by-case basis, not to bill for and collect all or a portion of the fee due for EMS services provided. The financial hardship waiver is one in which all or part of the fee may be waived on the basis of financial hardship.

**Health Insurance** - Any third party entity legally and/or contractually obligated to pay all or part of the cost of medical care for a patient, including but not limited to insurance corporations, insurance reciprocals, and Medicare or Medicaid. For purposes of this policy, health insurance shall include health savings accounts and medical savings accounts established pursuant to paragraphs 859A and 860 of the Internal Revenue Code and subsequent amendments thereto.

**Patient** - Any person who receives emergency medical care provided by authorized EMS transport agencies operating in Fluvanna County.

### **Service Levels**

**BLS (Basic Life Support) Emergency** – EMS transport service, including but not limited to transportation by ground ambulance vehicle, in the context of an emergency response and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services, including BLS ambulance/emergency services vehicle services as defined by the State of Virginia and requiring routine interventions.

**ALS1 (Advanced Life Support Level 1) Emergency** – EMS transport service, including but not limited to transportation by ground ambulance vehicle, in the context of an emergency response and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including the provision of an ALS assessment or at least one ALS intervention.

**ALS2 (Advanced Life Support Level 2) Emergency** - EMS transport service, including but not limited to transportation by ground ambulance vehicle, in the context of an emergency response and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including (1) at least three separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion (excluding crystalloid fluids); or (2) the provision of at least one of the ALS2 procedures listed below:

- Manual defibrillation/cardioversion;
- Endotracheal intubation;
- Central venous line;
- Cardiac pacing;
- Chest decompression;
- Surgical airway; or
- Intraosseous line.

**Mileage** - Assessed on actual miles travelled with patient on ambulance.