

**MAXIMUM EMERGENCY GROUND AMBULANCE RATES****I. AUTHORITY:**

*Orange County Board of Supervisors, Resolution No. 17-094, Item No. 29*

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The following is a list of maximum allowable emergency ambulance services rates to be charged an emergency patient by a licensee. These rates were approved by the County of Orange Board of Supervisors.

TYPE OF CHARGE	BASIS FOR CHARGE	2019 RATE	2020 RATE
Emergency BLS Base Rate	Applicable for urgent or Code 3 responses at the request of a public safety employee.	\$1,106.10	\$1,197.91
Mileage	Per patient mile or fraction thereof.	\$ 18.19	\$ 18.75
Oxygen (includes mask or cannula)	Applicable when administered	\$ 89.17	\$ 91.93
Standby	Per 15 minutes after the first 15 minutes and any fraction thereof.	\$ 43.69	\$ 45.04
Expendable Medical Supplies	Maximum per response or fair market value, whichever is the least amount	\$ 35.20	\$ 36.29

ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transportation Rate for Orange County Fire Authority  
Jurisdictional Area (excepting for San Clemente, Westminster, and Buena Park)

\$387.35

**Approved:**

  
OCEMS Director

Effective Date: 07/01/2020  
Reviewed Date: 07/03/2020  
Original Date: 7/1989

Emergency Medical Care Committee  
Informational Item Only  
July 10, 2020

**Authority**

As specified in Division 9, Title 4 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange (Ambulance Ordinance 3517), the Board of Supervisors establishes the maximum Basic Life Support (BLS) emergency ground ambulance rates applicable within the County's unincorporated area and cities that have agreed with the Ordinance for the provision of licensing and regulation of ambulance services. Ordinance 3517 also establishes the authority to adjust the maximum Advanced Life Support (ALS) Paramedic Assessment and Transport rate applicable for the Orange County Fire Authority's (OCFA) jurisdictional areas, with the exception of three cities that establish their own ALS rate.

Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) policy #715.00 Ground Emergency Ambulance Service Rates – Adjustment identifies the process for annually rate adjustments. On August 8, 2017, the Orange County Board of Supervisors passed Board Resolution No. 17-094 which approved the revision of the ambulance rates and adopted the recommended methodology for calculation and application of future annual adjustments. The Board authorized the Health Care Agency (HCA) to make an annual adjustment effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Data is obtained from the US Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)) to determine the percentage from the prior year and applied to the current rate.

**2020 Maximum 911 Emergency Basic Life Support Rates FY 2020-21**

Due to the discontinuation of the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange Counties "all item" CPI index by the US Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2018, the Health Care Agency is currently using the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim "all items" CPI index to adjust the rates for mileage, oxygen, standby, and medical supplies for 2019 and thereafter. The emergency base rate will continue to be adjusted using the percentage adjustment of State of Federal minimum wage increases. The Ambulance Association of Orange County agreed to the change of the new CPI method in 2019.

Description	2019 Rate	Effects of Minimum Wage <sup>1</sup>	CPI % Change <sup>2</sup>	\$ Increase	2020 Rates (effective 7/1/20)
Emergency Base Rate	\$1,106.10	8.3%		\$91.81	\$1,197.91
Mileage per mile	\$18.19		3.1%	\$ 0.56	\$18.75
Oxygen	\$89.17		3.1%	\$ 2.76	\$91.93
Standby, per 15 minutes	\$43.69		3.1%	\$ 1.35	\$45.04
Expendable Medical Supplies	\$35.20		3.1%	\$ 1.09	\$36.29

<sup>1</sup>Effects of Minimum Wage


<sup>2</sup> CPI (Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim "all items")



## New Minimum Wage Phase in Requirement 2017-2023 SB 3 Frequently Asked Questions

The following Frequently Asked Questions guidance is meant to address specific questions relating to SB 3 (Leno, Chapter 4, Statutes of 2016) and how the phase-in of minimum wage rates will apply. For additional information about general questions regarding the Minimum Wage please see the Labor Commissioner's Minimum Wage Frequently Asked Questions page.

**What is the schedule for the new state minimum wage increases created by SB 3 (Leno, Chapter 4, Statutes of 2016)? How will I know what minimum wage rate applies to my workplace?**

Date	Minimum Wage for Employers with 25 Employees or Less	Minimum Wage for Employers with 26 Employees or More	% increase in Emergency Base Rate July 1
January 1, 2017	\$10.00/hour	\$10.50/hour	
January 1, 2018	\$10.50/hour	\$11.00/hour	
January 1, 2019	\$11.00/hour	\$12.00/hour	9.1%
January 1, 2020	\$12.00/hour	\$13.00/hour	8.3% 
January 1, 2021	\$13.00/hour	\$14.00/hour	7.7%
January 1, 2022	\$14.00/hour	\$15.00/hour	7.1%
January 1, 2023	\$15.00/hour		

$$\text{Change in Minimum Wage Rate} = \frac{\$13.00 - \$12.00}{12.00} = .0833 \text{ or } 8.3\%$$

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### CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

**Series Id:** CUURS49ASA0, CUUSS49ASA0

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**Series Title:** All items in Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted

**Area:** Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA

**Item:** All items

**Base Period:** 1982-84=100

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2010	224.610	224.620	225.483	225.916	226.438	225.877	225.991	226.373	226.048	226.794	225.941	226.639	225.894	225.491	226.298
2011	228.652	229.729	232.241	233.319	233.367	232.328	231.303	231.833	233.022	233.049	232.731	231.567	231.928	231.606	232.251
2012	233.441	234.537	236.941	236.866	237.032	236.025	235.776	237.222	238.104	240.111	237.675	236.042	236.648	235.807	237.488
2013	238.015	239.753	239.995	239.043	239.346	239.223	238.920	239.219	239.611	239.940	238.677	238.742	239.207	239.229	239.185
2014	239.857	241.059	242.491	242.437	243.362	243.528	243.727	243.556	243.623	243.341	241.753	240.475	242.434	242.122	242.746
2015	239.724	241.297	243.738	243.569	246.093	245.459	247.066	246.328	245.431	245.812	245.711	245.357	244.632	243.313	245.951
2016	247.155	247.113	247.873	248.368	249.554	249.789	249.784	249.700	250.145	251.098	250.185	250.189	249.246	248.309	250.184
2017	252.373	253.815	254.525	254.971	255.674	255.275	256.023	256.739	257.890	258.883	259.135	259.220	256.210	254.439	257.982
2018	261.235	263.012	264.158	265.095	266.148	265.522	266.007	266.665	268.032	269.482	268.560	267.631	265.962	264.195	267.730
2019	269.468	269.608	271.311	273.945	274.479	274.380	274.682	274.579	276.054	278.075	277.239	275.553	274.114	272.199	276.030
2020	277.755	278.657													

**Source:** [https://data.bls.gov/pdq/SurveyOutputServlet?data\\_tool=dropmap&series\\_id=CUURS49ASA0, CUUSS49ASA0](https://data.bls.gov/pdq/SurveyOutputServlet?data_tool=dropmap&series_id=CUURS49ASA0, CUUSS49ASA0)

$$\text{Change in CPI: } \frac{274.114 - 265.962}{265.962} = 3.06\% = 3.1\%$$