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**TO:** Orange County Fire Chiefs  
Orange County City Managers  
Orange County Ambulance Service Providers

**FROM:** Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN, EMS Director

**SUBJECT: REVISION TO MAXIMUM EMERGENCY GROUND AMBULANCE RATES  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023**

On December 20, 2022, the Orange County Board of Supervisors adopted Board Resolution 22-163, changing the methodologies for adjusting the maximum BLS and ALS maximum rates by using the percentage change in the transportation portion of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, Western Region as compiled and reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-month period ending with the last day of the prior month, February.

In addition, the Health Care Agency Director or his/her designee is authorized to make an annual adjustment to the above maximum rates, effective July 1 of each year, by multiplying the rates by the percentage change in the transportation portion of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, Western Region as compiled and reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12 month period ending with the last day of the prior month, February.

Effective July 1, 2023, the **Maximum BLS Emergency Ground Ambulance Rates** were adopted as follows:

| Type of Charge          | Basis for Charge  | Effective 1/1/2023 | Effective 7/1/2023 |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Emergency BLS Base Rate | Applicable for urgent or Code 3 response at the request of a public safety employee | \$1,832.27         | \$2,052.14         |
| Mileage                 | Per patient mile or fraction thereof.   | \$ 19.05           | \$ 21.34           |
| Standby time            | Per 30 minutes after the first 30 minutes.  | \$ 129.00          | \$ 144.48          |

**Maximum ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transport Rate for OCFA Jurisdictional Areas (except for San Clemente, Westminster, and Buena Park): ALS Paramedic Assessment and Transport Rate \$433.83**

These rates become effective on July 1, 2023 by Board of Supervisors' Resolution No. 22-163. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Endo at (714) 834-3507.

Attachment: P/P #714.00

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