

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BILLING PROGRAM FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the City of Indian Wells ("City") incurs costs related to provision of emergency medical services to residents who both reside inside and outside City limits; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to develop cost recovery processes related to such emergency medical services, on February 16, 2017, the City Council approved the Emergency Medical Services Billing Program ("Billing Program") to become effective July 1, 2017, which program will allow the City to bill Medicare and other health insurance providers for emergency medical services as part of individuals' existing insurance coverage with no out-of-pocket costs for City residents; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Billing Program, the City must establish a fee schedule ("Fee Schedule") that will establish the fees to be charged Medicare and other health insurance providers; and

WHEREAS, the Fee Schedule was established based on the reasonable costs of providing emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2017, the City Council conducted a properly noticed public hearing to consider approval of the Fee Schedule, at which testimony and evidence, both written and oral, were presented to and considered by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Indian Wells, **DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The City Council hereby **FINDS** and **DETERMINES** that the recitals of this Resolution are true and correct, and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Policy Adoption. The City Council hereby **ESTABLISHES** the Emergency Medical Services Billing Policy, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Fee Adoption. The City Council hereby **ESTABLISHES** the Emergency Medical Services Billing Program Fee Schedule, as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution takes effect immediately, and the Fee Schedule hereby adopted shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Indian Wells, California, at a regular meeting held this 15th day of June, 2017.



RICHARD BALOCCO
MAYOR

CERTIFICATION FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2017-31

I, Anna Grandys, City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Indian Wells, California, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the whole number of the members of the City Council is five (5); that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Indian Wells on this 15th day of June, 2017, by the following vote:


AYES: Balocco, Mertens, Muzik, Peabody, Reed
NOES: None

ATTEST:



ANNA GRANDYS
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



STEPHEN P. DEITSCH
CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibit "A"

**Medical Services Billing Policies
(Adopted June 15, 2017)**

Indian Wells Residents

The City will collect only from Medicare and other health insurance providers, and waive the remainder of the bill. Indian Wells residents will not incur any out-of-pocket costs. Residents will not receive a bill from the City; however, depending on the type of supplemental insurance coverage, some insurance providers will send Explanation of Benefits (EOB) forms to the resident.

Cove Communities Residents

The City will collect only from Medicare and other health insurance providers, and waive the remainder of the bill. Cove Communities residents will not incur any out-of-pocket costs. Cove Communities residents will receive one bill, as required by law, with a letter attached stating it's the policy of the Cove Communities to waive the remainder of the bill for its residents. Depending on the type of supplemental insurance coverage, some insurance providers will send Explanation of Benefits (EOB) forms to the resident.

Non-Residents

For those residing outside of the Cove Communities, the City will bill Medicare and other health insurance providers. The City will bill the patient three times (if necessary) over a 90-day period for the remaining balance not paid by insurance. City staff will evaluate 90-day outstanding accounts on a case-by-case basis, with the option to send unpaid accounts to a collection agency.

Guests/Family Members of Indian Wells Residents

For those guests or family members (Guests) of Indian Wells residents, the City will bill Medicare and other health insurance providers. Guests will not incur any out-of-pocket costs. Guests will receive one bill, as required by law, with a letter attached stating it's the policy of the City to waive the remainder of the bill for guests or family members of Indian Wells residents. Depending on the type of supplemental insurance coverage, some insurance providers will send Explanation of Benefits (EOB) forms to the Guests.

Exhibit "B"

**Emergency Medical Services Billing Program
Fee Schedule**

Fee Description	Fee Amount
Ambulance Transportation	\$1,456.79
Ambulance mileage rate	\$22.00 per mile
Oxygen	\$132.00
Extra Attendant	\$155.00
Wait time	\$82.20
Non-Transport fee	\$425.00
First responder/pre-stabilization	\$125.00
Basic Life Support	\$303.75
Advanced Life Support	\$382.00
12 Lead EKG	\$285.00
3 Lead EKG	\$156.48