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## Ambulance Fee For Service – Definitions

**ALS 1** (Advanced Life Support) - Services should be medical treatment or procedures provided to the patient beyond the scope of an EMT-Basic as defined by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education and Practice Blueprint.

**ALS 2** - Services should be defined as Advanced Life Support services provided to a patient including any of the following procedures: manual defibrillation, endotracheal intubation, central venous line, cardiac pacing, chest decompression, surgical airway or interosseous line and the administration of three (3) or more medications.

**BLS** (Basic Life Support) - Services should be medical treatment or procedures to a patient as defined by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education and Practice Blueprint for the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic.

**Compassionate Billing Policy** – No one will EVER be denied necessary medical transport service due to either their inability to pay or a lack of insurance.

Compassionate billing is intended to eliminate or minimize out-of-pocket expenses for ambulance services for those that do not have the means to pay. Priority may be given to county residents.

Any person receiving emergency medical transport may submit a waiver request form stating a financial hardship. Appropriate financial documentation will be required.

**EOB** (Explanation of Benefits) - This form provided to the insured persons by insurance companies, explains the claims processed by the insurance company for benefits provided to the insured.

**Fair Billing** - If a locality/agency decides to bill for EMS services, everyone receiving service must receive a bill/statement, whether they have insurance or not.

**OIG** (Office of Inspector General) - There have been a number of recent opinions issued by the OIG that allow local governments to accept the local taxes paid to count as the co-

pay for County residents. This would eliminate any out-of-pocket cost for County residents who pay taxes.

**Point to Point** - This is one type of method to measure mileage for EMS transports. Mileage will be recorded from the location where the transport begins to the nearest appropriate medical facility.

**Transport** - Transport of a patient from the location of the incident scene or center point of transport where an incident scene or address is located, to a hospital or other facility where the patient is transported.