

# MEMORANDUM

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

TO: Handsel Minyard, City Solicitor

DATE 7/9/87

FROM: Joseph Paglia, Deputy Records Commissioner



SUBJECT: CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The above regulations, promulgated by the Dept. of Public Health, were received in the Department of Records on June 8, 1987, for filing and advertising.

Inasmuch as there were no requests for hearings, these regulations became effective midnight, July 8, 1987.

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cc: Kevin Boyle, Confidential Assistant, Dept. of Public Health

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Pursuant to Sections 5-300(a) and 5-301(b) of the Home Rule Charter, the following regulations are promulgated by the Board of Health:

CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

1. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Philadelphia Board of Health to charge recipients for emergency medical services provided under the auspices of the Division of Emergency Medical Services. Where a third party may be liable for all or part of the services provided, the City will bill the appropriate third party. Emergency medical services shall be rendered without regard to any source of payment or inability to pay.

2. Determination of Charges

- (a) The City shall establish and make available to the public a uniform fee schedule for emergency medical services provided by the City.
- (b) Charges for emergency medical services shall not exceed the cost of providing these services.
- (c) Emergency medical services for which fees shall be charged include, but are not limited to: emergency medical response, emergency medical services rendered, and/or transportation to medical facilities.

3. Billings for Established Service Charges

(a) Charges for services shall be billed directly to the third party payor or first party payor, as appropriate; and payment made by the third party payor <sup>will</sup> (may) be accepted as payment in full except for required deductibles, co-payments, and similar charges.

(b) Every reasonable effort will be made to collect fees incurred.

4. Administrative Responsibility

The Health Commissioner shall be responsible to the Board of Health for the implementation of the charge policy established by the Board of Health.

5. Review by the Board of Health

The Board of Health shall review periodically, but at least once annually, the cost and the charges for emergency medical services, and shall, from time to time, make any necessary or desirable changes in the fee schedule.

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