



Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District

EMS Billing Procedures & Rates

Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District has established the following rates for various ambulance service charges. At any time, in accordance with the Service Agreement, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District may modify these rates and/or billing procedures, with proper notice.

Additional instructions regarding billing procedures and rates are located near the end of this document.

Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District's current rate schedule (the "Chargemaster") begins on the next page.



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Chargemaster Item	Rate	Medicaid	Medicare
ALS Emergency Mileage	24.00	24.00	24.00
ALS Non-Emergency Mileage	24.00	24.00	24.00
ALS1 Emergency Base Rate	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
ALS1 Non-Emergency Base Rate	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
ALS2 Base Rate	1150.00	1150.00	1150.00
Advanced Airway	110.00	*	*
BLS Emergency Base Rate	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
BLS Emergency Mileage	24.00	24.00	24.00
BLS Non-Emergency Base Rate	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
BLS Non-Emergency Mileage	24.00	24.00	24.00
C-Spine Immobilization	80.00	*	*
DEFIBRILATION	100.00	*	*
EKG	95.00	*	*
Endotracheal Intubation	0.01	*	*
IO Initiation	0.01	*	*
IV ADMINISTRATION	85.00	*	*
IV infusion, Addt'l infusion of new drug, up to 1 hr	0.01	*	*
IV infusion, concurrent infusion	0.01	*	*
IV infusion, each addt'l hour	0.01	*	*
IV infusion, initial up to 1 hr	0.01	*	*
IV med, each addt'l IV push different drug	0.01	*	*
IV med, each addt'l IV push of same drug	0.01	*	*
IV push medication, single or initial drug	0.01	*	*
Medications	150.00	*	*
Non Covered Mileage	24.00	24.00	24.00
OXYGEN	75.00	75.00	*
RETURNED CHECK FEE	25.00	*	*
STANDBY	99.00	99.00	99.00
Temporary Transcutaneous pacing	0.01	*	*
Tracheostomy, Cricothyroid Membrane	0.01	*	*
Treatment / No-Transport ALS	185.00	185.00	185.00
Treatment / No-Transport BLS	185.00	185.00	185.00
Zoll Lifeband	155.00	*	*



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* indicates that charges are waived.

Medicaid patients are only billed the indicated charges.

Only one base rate charge shall be applied to each account.

Base rate and mileage charges shall be applied in accordance with guidelines established by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District instructs its billing agent(s) to assign/adjust off all amounts as permitted or required by Federal and State law and applicable payment policy.

Dispatch Fee should be charged for all patient encounters, unless otherwise prohibited or excluded by the Chargemaster.

Routine Disposable Supplies should be charged for all patient encounters, unless otherwise prohibited or excluded by the Chargemaster.

The BLS Emergency Base Rate and supplies used shall be applied to all accounts where the patient has been determined as deceased on Scene after the dispatch but before the patient has been loaded onboard the ambulance. No mileage will be charged in that case. If the patient is determined as deceased after pickup but prior to arrival at the receiving facility, the medically necessary level of service will be billed. In that case, it would be at least ALS-1 Emergency if a paramedic assessment was performed, or other ALS interventions where provided. Loaded mileage may also be billed in accordance with Federal and State law and applicable payment policy.

Unless determined Dead on Scene, patients that are not transported are only billed the Treatment / No Transport fee if an intervention is performed, or a patient assessment is performed. A patient assessment requires documentation of at least two vital signs (pulse, respirations, blood pressure, etc).

Supply and procedure charges should be billed for attempted procedures (IV, intubation, bone needles), even if the attempt is not successful, unless otherwise prohibited or excluded by the Chargemaster.

The Emergency Rate should be applied to all accounts, when transport to the destination facility is deemed an emergency by the reporting medic, unless otherwise prohibited or excluded by the Chargemaster.

