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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: July 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Proposed New Ambulance Service Fee Schedule

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule is reviewed annually and discussed during our budget sessions. Rates are reviewed through an annual rate survey of ambulance providers in Iowa along with reviewing Wellmark annual payment updates. Since Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield have increased what they will pay for reimbursement it is advised we modify our rates to be in line with their reimbursements.

**BACKGROUND:**

Ambulance charges are reviewed and changed in accordance with the latest Medicare Fee Schedule. The last Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance rate changes occurred in July of 2012. Wellmark increased their MAF again on July 1, 2014, which means that we are allowed to change our rates in accordance with their new fees. If we don't change our rates to be in line with their new fees, in essence we will be missing out on potential revenue that they are willing and obligated to pay as a network provider.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

The Muscatine Fire Department recommends changing our Fee Schedule in accordance to Wellmark's new Maximum Allowable Fee for ambulance charges effective July 18, 2014.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed 2014 Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule



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**Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule**

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u> (Effective 7/18/14)
All BLS Calls -	\$ 560.00	\$ 565.00
ALS 1 Calls -	\$ 665.00	\$ 672.00
ALS 2 Calls -	\$ 962.00	\$ 972.00
SCT Calls -	\$ 1,137.00	\$ 1,149.00
ALS Services Provided, No Transport -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mileage Rate, Per Loaded Mile -	\$ 13.00	\$ 14.00

Standby Time - \$ 100.00 per hour (\$ 25.00 per 15 minute increment)

Extra Attendant - \$ 50.00 per hour (\$ 12.50 per 15 minute increment)