

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Robert Ojeda, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Fund Revenue Fee Adjustments

**DATE:** September 15, 2005

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the San Antonio Emergency Medical Service (SAEMS) to increase the Advanced Life Support II Transport Fee and create two new fees associated with the use of specific medical supplies, resulting in \$190,236 in additional revenue to the General Fund.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

SAEMS proposes to increase the Advanced Life Support II Transport Fee from \$410 to \$500. Advanced Life Support II service is provided by EMS personnel when they arrive at the scene of an incident and any of the following procedures are performed : the administration of at least three medications (or three separate administrations of the same medication), manual defibrillation/cardioversion, endotracheal intubation, central venous line, cardiac pacing, chest decompression, surgical airway, and/or intraosseous line. The increase will allow for better reimbursement alignment with Medicare allowables and commercial insurance usual-and-customary charges.

Additionally, in an effort to recover some of the high cost of providing emergency medical services, SAEMS proposes to create two new fees associated with the use of disposable medical supplies and/or equipment.

- A \$100 fee per EZ-Intraosseus (IO) Needle, which is used to provide medications to adult patients when intravenous (IV) access cannot be established
- An \$80 fee for Glucagon, which is the medication provided to diabetic patients in, or progressing to, insulin shock when intravenous (IV) access cannot be established

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

The ordinance continues existing City policy of requiring users of City services to offset some of the costs associated with operating and maintaining those services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposed fee would provide an additional \$190,236 in revenue to the Emergency Medical Services Fund in FY 2005-2006.

### **COORDINATION**

This ordinance has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and City Attorney's Office.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

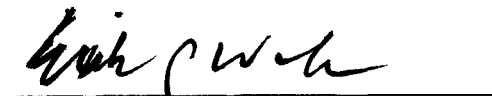
Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.



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