

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS ESTABLISHING AN AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEE HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDING HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE BY ALLOWING A REDUCTION OF THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEE DUE TO CERTAIN DEFINABLE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PERSON RECEIVING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE OR THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE TRANSPORT FEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bryan, Texas provides ambulance and emergency medical services to the residents of the City of Bryan and the surrounding area and charges certain fees for those services as set by the City Council of the City of Bryan, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the charges for ambulance and emergency medical services may cause financial hardship for patients without medical insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the charges for ambulance and emergency medical services may cause financial hardship for patients with fewer other financial resources; and

WHEREAS, ambulance and emergency medical services billing collections may increase as the result of lowering billed amounts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. That the City of Bryan, Texas adopt an Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Fees Hardship Program as defined by Exhibit A
3. That it is officially found and determined that this meeting was open to the public as required by law, and that notice of the time, place and subject matter of this meeting has been posted in the manner required by law.
4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular City Council Meeting, this 10th Day of November, 2015.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRYAN:

Mary Lynne Stratta, City Secretary

Jason P. Bienski, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janis K. Hampton, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

City of Bryan, TX - Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Fees Hardship Assistance Program

Policy and Guidelines

POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Bryan, Texas to provide hardship assistance by allowing a reduction of the ambulance or emergency service transport fee due to certain definable financial circumstances of the person who received the ambulance or emergency service or the party responsible for the payment of the transport fee.

GUIDELINES

1. Based on the Federal Poverty guidelines as published periodically in the Federal Registrar, a patient or responsible party may receive:
 - a. A 100% reduction to the outstanding balance owed by the patient or responsible party if the Adjusted Gross Income (as defined by IRS) falls below the 125% level;
 - b. A 75% reduction to the outstanding balance owed by the patient or responsible party if the Adjusted Gross Income (as defined by IRS) falls below the 150% level;
 - c. A 50% reduction to the outstanding balance owed by the patient or responsible party if the Adjusted Gross Income (as defined by IRS) falls below the 175% level, or;
 - d. A 25% reduction to the outstanding balance owed by the patient or responsible party if the Adjusted Gross Income (as defined by IRS) falls below the 200% level
2. Eligibility under this program is determined by the income level of the patient or responsible party as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. The most recently filed IRS Federal Tax Return
 - b. Payroll advices (including proof of Social Security income, disability, or other source of income)
3. Digitech will notify uninsured patients or responsible parties of the program and provide the necessary forms needed to report qualifications.