

ORDINANCE NO. 768

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 115 FEES, ARTICLE II FEES FOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey needs to update its Schedule of Fees for Emergency Services in order to adequately charge for the services of the Emergency Management Services; and

WHEREAS, the Schedule of Fees was last updated in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Schedule of Fees must reflect appropriate increases in service costs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that Chapter 115 Fees, Article II Fees for Emergency Services is amended as follows:

§115-2. Emergency medical services provided is amended as follows:

The Borough of Buena provides emergency medical services through the Division of Emergency Medical Services, to citizens and visitors of the Borough of Buena on a 24-hour basis throughout the year to the extent that such resources are available.

§115-5. Billings to insurance companies and/or persons served emergency medical services is amended as follows:

The Borough of Buena shall contract with a third-party billing agent for the collection of payment for services rendered by the Division of EMS. Said bill shall be issued to the insurance company for the person served, if any, or directly to the person served if insurance coverage is not available. Fees to be charged for the EMS services shall be as follows:

- A. Ambulance transportation: \$1,150.00
- B. Basic Life Support mileage: \$24.00 per loaded mile.
- C. Oxygen administration. \$75.00.
- D. Automatic external defibrillator. (AED) pads: \$75.00.
- E. Cervical collars: \$25.00
- F. Treatment but Transport Refusal: \$150.00
- G. Naloxone (Narcan) administration: \$75.00.
- H. Epinephrine administration: \$140.00
- I. Glucose administration: \$5.00.
- J. Aspirin administration: \$5.00.
- K. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) administration: \$75.00.
- L. Albuterol administration: \$10.00

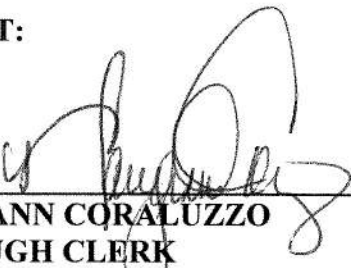
§115-6. Payment for emergency medical services is amended as follows:

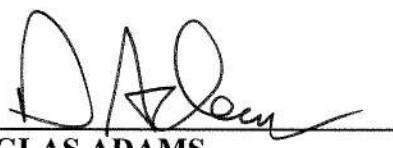
Persons receiving a bill for the EMS services shall make payment to the Borough of Buena third-party billing agent within 30 days; or provide proof that they have submitted a claim to their insurance carrier for payment within 30 days of receipt of a bill. These provisions shall be subject to the following:

- A. Persons receiving the EMS service who have health insurance to cover ambulance and emergency medical services are expected to cooperate with the Borough of Buena's third-party billing agent to secure full payment for services rendered.
- B. In the event the health insurance company of a taxpayer or domiciled resident does not pay the bill in full, the Borough of Buena will accept such partial payment to the extent of the insured's policy limits, including deductible and co-insurance requirements, as payment in full.
- C. Due to the time requirements for the preparation and processing of insurance claims, interest shall not be charged on Borough of Buena's billings.

- D. After providing emergency medical services, the Borough of Buena shall transmit all pertinent billing information to the Borough of Buena's third-party billing agent for collection as set forth in Subsection E below. The third-party billing agent shall be responsible for receipt of payment and proper record keeping of its collections as provided in its contract with the Borough of Buena. Payments received by third-party billing agent shall, thereafter, be transmitted electronically to a designated account of the Borough of Buena to be administrated by the Borough Chief Financial Officer (CFO). In addition, the third-party billing agent shall transmit monthly, a Deposit Report to the Chairperson of the Safety Committee for review and approval and a copy of the Deposit Report to the Borough CFO and the EMS Chief. The third-party billing agent shall prepare a reconciliation report for monthly review by the EMS Chief. The EMS Chief shall monitor the operations of the third-party billing agent, including billing activities and receipt of funds.
- E. The third-party billing agent shall be responsible for the initial billing and at least two follow-up billings. Costs associated with the third-party reimbursement requests shall be based solely on a percent of reimbursement collections as provided in its contract with the Borough of Buena. After at least three attempts to collect said claim, any delinquent accounts will be reviewed with the Borough of Buena and those accounts approved by the Borough of Buena will be sent to a third-party collection agency by the billing company. Collection fees will be paid by the Borough of Buena. The billing company will track and report all payments received by the collections service and will be paid its percentage of the net proceeds from collections. The Borough of Buena reserves the right to determine that a bill is uncollectible and should be written off.

ATTEST:


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ALVAREZ			✓			
ADAMS		✓	✓			
BARSUGLIA	✓		✓			
ANDALORO			✓			
DESTEFANO						✓

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