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## WESTMORELAND COUNTY CODE SECTION 2-181. SERVICE FEES FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

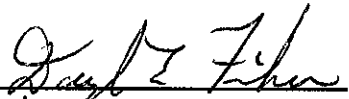
- (a) *Authority.* Pursuant to Code of Virginia, §32.1-111.14, it is hereby determined and declared that the exercise of powers and duties set forth in this section are necessary to assure the provision of adequate and continuing emergency services and to preserve, protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare.
- (b) *Definitions.* The following definitions shall apply to ambulance charges:
- (1) *Basic life support (BLS):* Services shall be medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient as defined by the National Emergency Medicine Services (EMS) Education and Practice Blueprint from the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) – Basic.
  - (2) *Advanced life support level 1 (ALS-1):* Services shall be medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient beyond the scope of the EMT-Basic as defined by the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint.
  - (3) *Advanced life support level 2 (ALS-2):* Services shall be defined as advanced life support (ALS) services provided to a patient including any of the following medical procedures: (i) manual defibrillation/cardioversion, (ii) endotracheal intubation, (iii) central venous line, (iv) cardiac pacing, (v) chest decompression, (vi) surgical airway or (vii) intraosseous line, and the administration of three or more medications.
  - (4) *Ground transport mileage (GTM):* Shall be assessed in statute mile from the location of the incident scene, or center point of a fire demand zone where an incident scene or address is located, to a hospital or other facility where a patient is transported.

(c) *Schedule of rates.* The schedule of rates for emergency ambulance transport services by the emergency services procedures contracted by the county, the Westmoreland Volunteer Rescue Squad, Colonial Beach Rescue Squad and Montross Volunteer Rescue Squad shall be as follows:

Basic life support.....	\$350.00
Advanced life support, level 1 .....	\$500.00
Advanced life support, level 2.....	\$600.00
Each loaded mile.....	\$ 9.00

(d) *Administrative rules and regulations.* The county administrator is hereby authorized and directed to establish rules and regulations for the administration of the charges imposed by this section, including, but not limited to payment standards for those persons who demonstrate economic hardship, as permitted by applicable law.

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Chairman  
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