

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 73 - 2016

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

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AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Emergency Medical Services ordinances by making City residents responsible for any balance due not covered by an insurance carrier for transport deemed not medically necessary by EMS staff beginning with the resident's third use of this service.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That Section 391.04E, Allentown Codified Ordinances, is amended to read the following:

391.04 POLICY

E. City residents shall not be held responsible for any balance due for medically necessary transport that is not covered by an insurance carrier with the exception of the deductible as long as said resident complies within 30 days of the date of the encounter with any and all requests for insurance information or verification of insurance (or lack thereof) from the EMS billing department. If the resident does not respond to the requests within the time frame above, the resident shall be responsible for the amount owed. City residents are responsible for any balance due not covered by an insurance carrier for transport deemed not medically necessary by EMS staff beginning with the resident's third use of this service. An Exceptions to this is these provisions are when City Ambulances are not available due to resource depletion based on heavy call volume and where mutual aid ambulances are substituted to provide EMS services within the City of Allentown. In those cases, City residents may have additional charges above and beyond those covered by insurance based on the billing practices of the mutual aid ambulance service.

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance takes effect on January 1, 2017.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

