

CITY OF GUSTAVUS /GVFD AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

At the April 14, 2014 General Meeting, the Council passed an Ordinance (Title 6.02), authorizing the GVFD to collect fees for ambulance calls. A fee schedule was passed in March and will be implemented on May 14, 2014.

The City and GVFD are offering a program for ambulance subscription. As an Ambulance Subscriber, we will only bill insurance providers for the rates listed on page 2. Payment from a subscriber's insurance carrier will satisfy your obligation to us for our service rates. This does not include "additional fees" as applicable. Subscribers with no insurance coverage will have the same benefits as subscribers with insurance coverage. Non-Subscribers **are** responsible for payment in full for services, regardless of the amount covered by their insurance carrier. Subscribers shall forward any payments received directly from their insurance carrier to GVFD immediately upon receipt.

Coverage Offered:

Individual Subscriber	\$10.00 per person annually
Household Subscriber	\$25.00 per household annually. For the ambulance subscription program purpose, a household consists of the head of household, spouse/partner, unmarried dependent children under the age of 25, and any other legal dependent all which live in the same household.

The names of all persons covered must be listed on subscription form. The subscription will become effective on the date the enrollment form and payment are received at City Hall, and will be valid for that calendar year.

The GVFD is a department of the City of Gustavus, a non-profit municipal government. As such, any surplus we may generate each year is used to enhance the operations of the GVFD and prepare for future growth in the community. The City of Gustavus and the GVFD strive to make this program available to everyone in our response area, if you are aware of someone who did not receive this information, please have them contact us and we will have this information sent to them. Additional contributions are always welcome, and greatly appreciated. We thank you in advance for your support and we continue to strive to offer the highest quality emergency medical services possible.

Terms of Service:

1. The GVFD subscription service is completely voluntary.
2. GVFD ambulance subscription is not available to businesses, nor does it cover caregivers or employees of subscribing members, part-time guests or temporary visitors.
3. The subscription has open enrollment, and subscriptions are valid yearly from January 1st from December 31st.
4. If an individual or household moves out of Gustavus, no refund, pro-ration or adjustments will be made. The subscription is non-transferable.
5. There will not be any reminders for renewal mailed to subscribers. The next yearly forms will be available at City Hall starting in December of each year.
6. The basic charges as defined in "Rates", and listed below, are waived for subscribers; however, charges for supplies and escort fees are not waived.
7. The subscription will not cover "additional fees" as listed below.
8. Subscribing members will be responsible for payment of services previous to the subscription activation.
9. Authorization for the City of Gustavus to obtain entitled benefits from insurance carriers and Medicare will be required.
 - a. Insurance carriers will be billed for services provided to subscribers, however no out of pocket costs will be billed to subscribers.

Rates:

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| 1. Acuity Level I | Basic Life Support (BLSI) | \$500/call plus mileage |
| 2. Acuity Level II | Basic Life Support Emergency (BLSIIE) | \$600/call plus mileage |
| 3. Acuity Level III | Advanced Life Support (ALSIII) | \$700/call plus mileage |
| 4. Acuity Level IV | Advanced Life Support Emergency (ALSIVE) | \$800/call plus mileage |
| 5. Acuity V | Critical Care (AVCC) | \$1000/call plus mileage |
- a. Transportation fee is set at \$11/mile.

Additional Fees:

1. Additional fee of \$3.00/minute in the event Medevac transportation is delayed beyond one (1) hour, by the patient, the discharging facility, the receiving facility or any other transportation facilities.
2. An escort fee may be assessed for patients transported by air, road or water to patient care facilities outside of Gustavus.
3. Charges for transportation for private carrier will be billed directly to the patient by the carrier.

To sign up for the subscription program, please fill out and bring the attached form to City Hall. This must be done during business hours. We will also need HIPAA forms signed (available at City Hall), and a copy of the insurance policy holders driver's license, as well as a copy of the insurance card(s). Further questions may be directed to Lori at City Hall.

Best Regards,



Sandi Marchbanks, Mayor