

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

R E S O L U T I O N

R-26-93

APPROVAL TO SET RATES FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES IN
AMBULANCE ZONES E & F EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

WHEREAS, that the Board of Supervisors hereby sets the ambulance rates under the Ordinance Code of San Joaquin County, Ordinance No. 4-7303 Section 4-7508 (2) as follows:

I. POLICIES:

- A. Ambulance providers may charge rates equal to or below the rates listed in the Section II and III below.
- B. The rate structure applies to all incorporated and unincorporated areas.
- C. Changes in rates must be requested to the ambulance permit officer at least thirty (30) days prior to approval or implementation.
- D. The application of advanced life support (ALS) and basic life support (BLS) rates shall be consistent with the requirements of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.
- E. Ambulance providers shall accept Medicare and Medi-Cal assignment.
- F. Ambulance providers shall accept reimbursement at Medi-Cal rates for all transports of patients enrolled in the County's Medical Assistance program and all inmates and jail detainees for whom the County is financially responsible.
- G. Ambulance providers shall establish and maintain a compassionate care policy, approved by the ambulance permit officer, to remove the financial burden of ambulance transport for qualified patients.

II. MAXIMUM RATES FOR AMBULANCE ZONES E AND F

Category	Recommended Rates Zone E & F
ALS Base Rate	\$4,172.31
BLS Base Rate	\$3,558.55
Night Charge	\$287.30
Oxygen Charge	\$364.69
Mileage (per loaded mile)	\$86.41
EKG/Cardiac Monitor	\$115.40

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the rates will increase as referred to in section III.

III. RATE ADJUSTMENTS:

- A. Beginning July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, Escalon Community Ambulance and Ripon Consolidated Fire District would be permitted to request rate adjustments based on a standardized Consumer Price Index (CPI) methodology. The allowable increase would be calculated using the average of the San Francisco Bay Area CPI-U and the U.S. CPI for Medical Care Services over the most recent 12-month period and dividing that by the non-Medi-Cal/Private payor mix of that provider. This ensures that rate adjustments more accurately account for the limited reimbursement associated with a significant share of ambulance transport.
- B. By approving the recommended action, emergency ambulance service rates for all zones will be consistent and equitable throughout San Joaquin County through April 2030.

PASSED AND ADOPTED June 30, 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

AYES: **Gardea, Canepa, Dhaliwal, Rickman**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **Ding**

ABSTAIN: **None**

ATTEST: RACHÉL DeBORD
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Joaquin
State of California

By **Rachél DeBord**



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