

Village of Crooksville, Ohio

ORDINANCE NO. 2753

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
CHARGES AND BILLING POLICY FOR EMS SERVICES
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Whereas, the Village of Crooksville provides an Emergency Medical Service; and

Whereas, the Village Council, in recognition of the continuing increase in the costs of providing adequate emergency medical services to the Village and other municipalities and townships with which it has mutual aid agreements or has service contracts, and in awareness of the need for additional funds to provide these services, does charge fees, usual and customary for the region, for the purpose of providing revenue to help defray the costs of the services covered by the fees; and

Whereas, in order to provide fair and equitable transport fee rates according to billing procedures and policies through Medicount, an EMS billing company, for effective and efficient billing and collection of emergency medical service revenue; and

Whereas, the Village Council desires to update and implement a new uniform billing policy regarding the collection of such fees; and

Whereas, the Village Council desires to establish, with a retroactive effective date of September 8, 2025, the fees that shall be charged for September 8, 2025, and thereafter, along with the descriptions and codes for services provided for those fees; and

Whereas, notwithstanding should the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Fee for Service Schedule would decrease, the Village of Crooksville will continue billing at the now established current rate, not decreasing; and

Whereas, the Village Council further desires to provide for annual automatic adjustments in billing rates, for so long as the Village maintains its Contract services relationship with Medicount, in order to align with Medicount's annual future recommendations for changes in billing rates; and

Whereas, it is necessary to pass this Ordinance as an emergency measure, for the continued operations of the Emergency Medical Service with the Village of Crooksville Fire Department, for good fiscal practice, for alignment with Medicount's billing fee recommendations, and for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and general welfare of this Village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Crooksville, Perry County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Policy and Purpose. The Village Council reaffirms that the continuing increase in the costs of providing adequate emergency medical services to the Village and other municipalities and townships with which it has mutual aid agreements or has service contracts, results in a need for additional funds to provide these services. Thus, fees for emergency medical services, usual and customary for the region, are authorized, and it is further declared that the fees so levied are for the purpose of providing revenue to help defray the costs of the services covered by the fees.

Section 2. Fee Schedule. The current transport fee as provided under this ordinance shall be 2.5 times the full Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Fee Schedule amount effective September 5, 2025.

Section 3. Charges for Service. The above fees shall be binding upon all persons receiving such services, as well as their successors in interest, assigns, estates and heirs.

Section 4. CMS Decreases Not to Affect. Should the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Fee-for-Service Schedule decrease, the Village of Crooksville will continue billing at the current rate established by this Ordinance, and the Village's fees shall not decrease.

Section 5. Automatic Annual Adjustments Permitted. For so long as the Village maintains its Contract services relationship with Medicount, annual automatic adjustments in billing rates are permitted upon recommendation by Medicount and approval of the Village's Fire Chief, in order to align with Medicount's annual future recommendations for changes in billing rates.

Section 6. Billing Policy. All patients transported by the Village of Crooksville ambulance squad shall be billed. If a patient has health insurance to cover the fees charged, the Village of Crooksville billing agent shall bill the patient's insurance carrier. If a patient has a co-payment due after the patient's primary insurance carrier pays, the billing agent shall bill the patient directly for the co-payment. If a patient does not have health insurance, the Village of Crooksville billing agent shall bill the patient directly. If a patient does not respond to the billings of the billing agent, with either full payment or with communication and arrangement of a payment plan, the billing agent, with prior authorization from Council, may refer the account for additional collection measures.

Section 7. Disposition of Funds. All monies received under the provisions of this ordinance shall be placed in an account set up for the express purpose of funding expenses necessary to furnish emergency medical services by the Village.

Section 8. Litigation. The Village may enforce the provisions of this ordinance by civil actions in court, for the collection of amounts due or other appropriate relief.

Section 9. Service Not to be Refused for Nonpayment. Nothing in this ordinance shall authorize any Village department or Village personnel to refuse or delay any service to any person, firm or corporation that has not paid for service or that owes for previous services or owes any money.

Section 10. Replacement and Supercession. Effective retroactively to September 8, 2025, this Ordinance shall replace and supercede any previously passed Ordinance establishing billing rates and practices for EMS Services.

Section 11. Emergency Measure. This ordinance is declared an emergency measure necessary for the continued operations of the Emergency Medical Service, for good fiscal practice and for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and general welfare of the people of this Village, and shall have immediate effect upon its passage.

1st Reading: Waived on 3/4 Vote ;

2nd Reading: Waived on 3/4 Vote ;

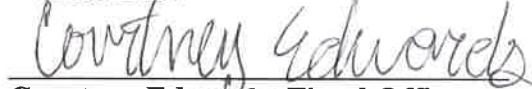
3rd Reading: Passed on at least 2/3 Vote December 15, 2025 ;

Passed: December 15, 2025 .



Mayor Chris Mohler

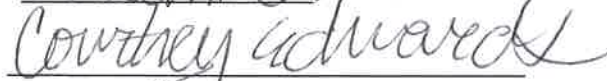
ATTESTED:



Courtney Edwards, Fiscal Officer

Posting Certification

This resolution was posted at the five prescribed locations within the Village of Crooksville, Ohio, on the 10th day of December, 2025.


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