

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Resolution No. 91 -2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement Program – Rates

Title: A RESOLUTION approving a Reimbursement Schedule for the Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement Program.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted __, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __, by the County Council on _____, 2026.

Certified By _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, in order to cover costs related to providing emergency medical services,
2 including the provision of emergency medical care and/or transportation by the Department of
3 Fire and Rescue Services, the County seeks to collect a reimbursement from an individual’s
4 insurance company for costs generated by emergency medical services; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, Section 17.112 of the Howard County Code provides that the County shall
7 adopt by Resolution a Reimbursement Schedule that shall be based on the cost of providing
8 emergency medical services; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Howard County Code Section 17.112, the County
11 wishes to adopt a revised Reimbursement Schedule related to the provision of emergency
12 medical services in Howard County; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, rates for EMS reimbursement were first adopted by the passage of Council
15 Resolution No. 77-2019 and have not been changed since initial passage; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, for Fiscal Year 2027, there are changes proposed to represent the first
18 adjustment to the EMS reimbursement rates since the program’s inception in 2020 ensuring that
19 the fee structure remains aligned with operational costs and evolving standards of prehospital
20 care.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard County,
23 Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2026 that it adopts the attached Reimbursement
24 Schedule.
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26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Reimbursement Schedule shall be
27 effective on July 1, 2026 and shall continue in effect until changed or repealed by a subsequent
28 Resolution.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORT INSURANCE
REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

This schedule is adopted pursuant to Section 17.112 of the Howard County Code that requires the County to adopt a Reimbursement Schedule for emergency medical services.

Transport Type	Rate
Basic Life Support:	\$700
Advanced Life Support (LEVEL 1):	[[\$750]] \$800
ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (LEVEL 2)	\$950
Mileage	\$10 per loaded mile
Electrocardiogram	\$80