

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Business and Tax Regulations, Health Codes - Emergency Medical Services Fees]

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to update emergency medical services fees to reflect amounts authorized under annual adjustment provisions and to require fees for certain additional services; and amending the Health Code to define the terms “trauma center” and “pediatric center.”

Existing Law

The City charges a number of fees to operators of private ambulances, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, and emergency medical facilities. The fees are paid to the Department of Emergency Management, which, as the City’s Emergency Medical Services Agency, is responsible for regulating these emergency medical services. The fees set in this section of the Business and Tax Regulations Code are adjusted each year by the Controller, without further action by the Board of Supervisors, to reflect changes in the costs of providing the services for which the fees are charged.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend the fees in this section of the Business and Tax Regulations Code to reflect intervening administrative adjustments and to show the actual amounts currently authorized and charged. The ordinance also includes a new fees for medical facilities that have been designated to receive ambulances and treat stroke trauma and pediatric patients, lost and duplicate cards, professional verifications, critical care paramedic endorsements, community paramedic accreditations, event medical plan reviews, and community paramedic providers. Further, the ordinance amends a section of the Health Code to add a definition of “trauma center” and “pediatric center.”

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