



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

RESOLUTION 2024-03
February 27, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 (Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One) ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL SERVICES MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM, SETTING FORTH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP AND THE BENEFITS OF SUCH MEMBERSHIP.

WHEREAS, Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One levies not only a general tax on taxable property within the District, but also an emergency medical services levy, to be used for emergency medical services, including transporting patients with life threatening or non-life threatening injuries; and

WHEREAS, as established by the Board of Fire Commissioners in this Resolution, the proceeds of this levy will in part be used to provide payment of charges incurred by qualified residents and taxpayers of the District for Fire Department transports, as to that portion of the charges which are not payable by third parties and insurers, as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is conditioned upon continuing approval by the qualified electors of the District of the EMS tax levy;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1. All persons who are transported by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 ambulances or other apparatus shall be charged for all services as a result of the transport at the rates set forth in resolution by the Board of Fire Commissioners and as amended from time to time. Each person transported will be billed for all services provided. Medical services members and non-members will be billed at the same rate. Pursuant to RCW 52.12.131, the District may adopt reasonable charges for emergency medical services as set forth in billing policies of the District.

Section 2. The District recognizes the contribution of property tax dollars paid by property owners within the taxing district boundaries. In an effort to reduce the burden on these persons, the district shall allow for waiving of co-pays and co-insurance due from patients who are transported and who, at the time of service being provided, meet one or more of the following conditions:

1. at the time of service, have a physical address located within the borders of the district, Washington, or;
2. at the time of service, and as necessary, can provide documentation of ownership of taxable real property located within the borders of the district, Washington, or;

- 3. the parents or legal guardians of minor children, with whom they may or may not reside, and who may be financially responsible for any fees associated with service, meet the conditions of item 1 or 2 above.

Utilizing the following guidelines, and in consideration of the criteria above, The District will waive deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance as follows for the services listed:

Medical Transport (ALS 1, ALS 2 and BLS Emergencies): following payments from insurance providers, balances due from the patient for deductibles, co-pay or co-insurance shall be waived.

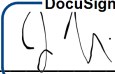
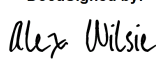
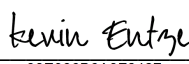
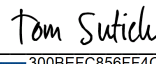

The district shall apply the benefit of this waiver program to those meeting the conditions above, whether they have private or public insurance or, if they are uninsured.

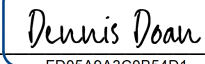
Section 3. Non-members: Persons receiving transport by PCFD No. 5 equipment who are not entitled to membership shall be required to pay all charges incurred. Billing procedures shall follow the Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 Fee Schedule rates which are set forth in resolution by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Non-members remain fully responsible for any amount due which is not paid by third parties.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect on March 1, 2024.

Approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Pierce County Fire District No. 5, this 27th day of February, 2024.

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