

Billing Rates

Basic Life Support, Non-Emergency	\$300.00
Basic Life Support, Emergency	\$375.00
Advanced Life Support, Non-Emergency	\$425.00
Advanced Life Support, Emergency	\$475.00
Advanced Life Support, Level 2	\$575.00
Mileage	\$8.50/mile

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Listed below are the definitions for the various levels of service provided by Marion County Fire Rescue. These levels of service are defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Please note that the definitions for emergency and non-emergency are listed separately.

Basic Life Support (BLS): When medically necessary, the provision of BLS services as defined in the Nation EMS Education and Practice Blueprint for the EMT-Basic.

Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1): When medically necessary, the provision of an assessment by an ALS provider or supplier or the provision of one or more ALS interventions. An ALS provider/supplier is defined as a provider trained to the level of EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic as defined in the Nation EMS Education and Practice Blueprint. An ALS intervention is defined as any procedure beyond the scope of an EMT-Basic.

Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2): When medically necessary, the administration of three or more different medications and the provision of at least one of the following ALS procedures:

- Manual Defibrillation/Cardioversion
- Endotracheal Intubation
- Central Venous Line
- Cardiac Pacing
- Chest Decompression
- Surgical Decompression
- Surgical Airway
- Intraosseous Line

Emergency: An emergency response is one that is provided after the sudden onset of a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity such that absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in:

1. Placing the beneficiary's health in serious jeopardy;
2. Impairment to bodily functions; or
3. Serious dysfunction to any bodily organ or part.

Non-Emergency: Ambulance transportation is covered when it meets medical necessity requirements. One of the primary, but not the sole, determining factors of medical necessity for non-emergency transport is the status of whether the patient is "bed confined." For bed confinement, the following criteria must be met:

1. The beneficiary is unable to get up from bed without assistance;
2. The beneficiary is unable to ambulate; and
3. The beneficiary is unable to sit in a chair or wheelchair.

This term applies to patients who are unable to tolerate activity out of bed. Please note that bed confinement is not the sole criteria for medical necessity of a non-emergent transport.