

TOWN OF SEEKONK  
SEEKONK, MASSACHUSETTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY # 29

RE: AMBULANCE SERVICE RATE SETTING POLICY

Effective March 1, 1995, the rate charges for ambulance services provided by the Town of Seekonk Fire and Rescue Department shall reflect the ambulance Services Fee Schedule of allowable charges as authorized by Medicare and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts on an annual basis.

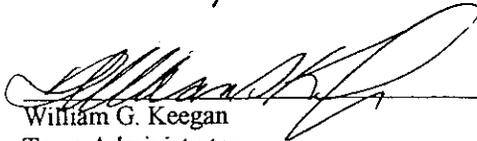
The Town shall balance bill a recipient of ambulance services for any outstanding amount not paid by Medicare or third party insurance provider.

An invoice abatement program is also hereby established whereby the Town may authorize an abatement of a portion or total amount outstanding should the recipient's household income fall below the National Poverty Level as annually established by the U.S. Government, or other income guidelines established by the Town.

- In other certain cases of financial hardship or limited income, a taxpayer residing in the Town of Seekonk may request abatement of any portion of the ambulance services fee which is not paid by Medicare or third party insurance provider. The Town shall review the request for abatement, and form a decision based on the amount of the abatement requested and the recipient's ability to pay the amount.
- In cases where a third-party insurance provider has refused to pay the recipient's ambulance fees claim and the recipient is a taxpayer residing in the Town of Seekonk; the recipient may request abatement of the fees through the Town. The recipient shall provide written proof that he/she has appealed the decision of the third-party insurance provider and such appeal has been denied. The Town shall review the request for abatement, and form a decision based on the amount of the abatement requested and the recipient's ability to pay the amount.
- A "Public Fund" is also hereby established whereby the billing agent may bill this fund for those taxpayers residing in the Town of Seekonk that are uninsured, under insured or do not have the ability to pay due to the recipient's household income falling below the National Poverty Level. The "Public Fund" will be billed in the recipient's name for up to 80% of the ambulance fees, thereby making the recipient responsible for the balance of the bill. The "Public Fund" will receive its funding through a town meeting appropriation from the ambulance receipts received.

This policy, approved and adopted by the Board of Selectmen on February 15, 1995, was amended and approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 12, 1996 and is hereby amended and approved by the Board of Selectmen on 3/10/99.

3/14/99  
Date

  
William G. Keegan  
Town Administrator