

EMS Cost Recovery

Question: Will I be denied EMS services if I can't prove I have insurance or money to pay the bill?

Answer: No one should ever be afraid to dial 911 for help. No Person will be denied emergency medical service because of inability to pay a fee.

Question: Does cost recovery provide all the support needed to fund EMS?

Answer: No. Money collected through Cost Recovery will help pay for additional operational and capitol expenses that are needed in the next several years. However, EMS Companies also have significant expenses that will not be completely funded by Cost Recovery. The cost of providing EMS services continues to rise and volunteer EMS agencies still need your generous donations to remain available.



Acronyms:

EMS= Emergency Medical Services

EMT = Emergency Medical Technician

CPR= Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

CPAP = Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
(Machine used to help those who stop breathing while sleeping)

BLS = Basic Life Support

ALS = Advance Life Support

AED = Automated External Defibrillator



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Rappahannock
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EMS Cost Recovery
Program
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What is Cost Recovery?

What does that mean for the level of care provided?

Cost Recovery is a program that allows counties to bill an insurance Company, Medicare and Medicaid for a portion of the cost of emergency medical transport services. When a patient is treated and transported, the insurance companies are billed for the services performed by the agency providers. Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurance policies allow for reimbursement for this service. Cost recovery is a way for Rappahannock County EMS agencies to receive financial reimbursement for some of the costs of medical transports.

Residents and Visitors of our fair county can still expect the same high level of care that has been provided for years. No one will be denied transport/care because of their inability to pay or because they don't have insurance. Outstanding care will remain our highest priority!

What is Compassionate Billing?

For Rappahannock County Residents, all Co-Pays for Ambulance Services will be waived but will be accepted if paid.

For those county residents or visitors who do not have insurance, Rappahannock County will work with you to ensure no one suffers a financial hardship as a result of a medical transport. If you do not have insurance then a fee waiver form will be provided for you to submit. Without Cost Recovery, the only option available to Rappahannock county is to raise taxes.

County EMS companies working together toward a common goal.



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Co. 3



Co.4



Co.5



Co. 7



Co. 9

What will Cost Recovery Accomplish?

The money that is generated from this program will be used by the EMS departments to maintain the excellent level of care that is provided by our still strictly VOLUNTEER EMS Agencies. It will go to help with the cost of supplies, training and apparatus.

Training to include:

EMT, Enhanced and Paramedic

Emergency Vehicle Operations

Infectious Control

First Aid and CPR

Equipment to include:

Replacement Ambulance
(\$200,000)

CPAP machine (\$1000)

Pulse Ox monitor (\$500)

Cardiac Monitor (\$15,000)

Heated/Cooled IV Fluids (\$2,000)

Power Operated Cot (\$12,000)

As well as Stethoscopes, splints, backboards , AEDs, Suction units and more!