

TOWN OF PENDLETON
6570 Campbell Boulevard
Lockport, NY 14094



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At the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton, Niagara County, New York, held in the Board Room at the Town of Pendleton Town Hall, 6570 Campbell Boulevard, Lockport, New York, 14094 at 7:00 p.m. on October 23, 2023.

Resolution Authorizing Billing for Ambulance Service

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law § 209-b permits the Wendelville Fire Company, Inc. to bill users of ambulance services for ambulance transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds it to be in the interest of public safety and in the interest of the taxpayers to commence an ambulance billing program; and

WHEREAS, the Town is the authority having jurisdiction over the ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the legislature required insurance companies and Health Maintenance Organizations to cover emergency ambulance transportation services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton on this 23rd day of October 2023 that the Town resolves as follows:

- 1) Upon issuance of appropriate billing numbers and certain prerequisites, the Wendelville Fire Company, Inc. is hereby authorized to commence billing pursuant to its rules.
- 2) The Wendelville Fire Company, Inc. shall only work with a billing company which provides flat fees per bill for government payors, and shall not work on a percentage billing payment arrangement for such payors.
- 3) The rules shall, at a minimum and in accordance with the General Municipal Law, be as follows:
 - a. Persons without insurance shall not be issued bills, but bills may be issued unless and until it is confirmed that the patient has no insurance.
 - b. Residents shall not be charged a copayment, and the taxes collected by the Company shall be utilized as against such copayment obligation.

- c. Non-residents shall be billed the full amount of the bill.
- d. In all cases, the Wendelville Fire Company, Inc. may bill for services rendered in the territory listed in its Ambulance Service Certificate. Services provided for ambulance services outside the area of the primary service area (by geography or contract) or outside the area contained in the Ambulance Service Certificate shall not be billed by the Fire Company. However, should the Fire Company be operating under permission of another entity's ambulance service certificate, then that entity may bill for this Company's services and remit payment hereto.
- e. ALS intercept services, if available and rendered to the Fire Company by another ALS-intercept service, shall be paid by the Fire Company to the ALS-Intercept service at a negotiated rate by the Fire Company.
- f. The Town adopt a schedule of fees which is, at least, usual and customary in this area and will issue bills for the following:

BLS	\$1,000.00
ALS 1	\$1,250.00
ALS 2	\$1,500.00
Mileage	\$38.00 per mile
Refusals	\$0

- g. Balance billing between the amount billed and the amount authorized by insurance shall not occur and is prohibited by law.
- h. Firefighters and their families will not be billed, except as such service is covered by VFBL for line of duty injuries.
- i. Billing revenues are the property of the Fire Company and will be deposited in an account specifically designated for such purpose. No other funds shall be deposited in the account. Transfers will be made from the account to other budget lines, in such amounts as the Fire Company resolves either annually or on a month to month basis.
- j. Each quarter, the treasurer shall provide a report to the Town Board on the:
 - a. Amount billed
 - b. Amount received
 - c. Amount to be transferred from the account
 - d. Amount past due (30, 60, 90)
 - e. Amount recommended to be "written off" and forgiven

- f. Total amount received for the month and year
- g. Total amount billed for the month and year.

4) The Fire Company will adopt a charity care policy.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.