RESOLUTION # 2023-11

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AMBULANCE BILLING POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF BELVIDERE

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Belvidere as follows:

1. The Ambulance Billing Policy attached hereto, and incorporated herein, is adopted and approved by the City of Belvidere City Council.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, this 20th day of March, 2023.

Attest:

(SEAL)

Ayes:

Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee

and Mulhall.

Nays:

None.

Absent:

None.

Date Approved: March 24, 2023

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CITY OF BELVIDERE AMBULANCE BILLING POLICY

The Corporate Authorities of the City of Belvidere (the City) adopt this Ambulance Billing Policy, pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 46-62 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code (the Code), to provide for the implementation and application of Ambulance Services Fees under that section. This policy shall govern the billing and collection of fees imposed by Section 46-62 of the Code. All references to the Department shall include any entity providing billing services pursuant to section 46-61 of the Code as well as any entity providing collection services for the City for unpaid amounts due under Section 46-62.

- The Department shall first bill any third-party insurance company or Medicare / Medicaid (third-party payors) identified by the Patient or other responsible party for all amounts due pursuant to Section 46-62. The Department shall then bill the Patient (or other responsible party) for any balance not paid by a third-party payor in accordance with relevant law. In the event the Patient is a resident of the City, the Department shall accept payment by the third-party payor plus any co-payment, co-insurance, and deductible as payment in full of obligations under Section 46-62. In the event the patient is not a resident of the City, the Department shall bill the full balance of all amounts owed under Section 46-62 to the Patient or other responsible party (parent or guardian) with a credit for amounts received from third-party payors in accordance with all applicable rules, codes, and laws.
- The Department is authorized to enter payment plans with the patient (or other responsible parties) not to exceed twelve monthly payments. In the event a patient (or other responsible party) fails to make two or more required monthly payments the remaining balance owed shall be forwarded to collections.
- Patients who qualify for financial assistance with the receiving hospital for treatment received immediately following the emergency transport, can provide the corresponding award letter to the department or billing agency. The Department shall apply the same discount to any remaining balances.

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