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November 21, 2025

VIA PUC E-FILING

Attn: Motor Carrier Tariff Specialist
Bureau of Technical Utility Services
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**RE: Request for Rate (Tariff) Increase for
Western Berks Ambulance Association
Paratransit Pa. PUC. No. 7 (Cancels Paratransit Pa. PUC No. 6)
Certificate No. A-00112751)**

Dear Motor Carrier Tariff Specialist:

We represent Western Berks Ambulance Association, Certificate Number A-00112751. This letter, and the supporting information are being sent to you for the purpose of requesting an increase to the current paratransit tariffs for Western Berks Ambulance Association

It has been over five years since Western Berks Ambulance Association's previous tariff increase. During this five-year period, Western Berks Ambulance Association's costs to provide paratransit service have risen, particularly employee salary and benefits, vehicle replacement costs, fuel costs, vehicle insurance costs, and general organizational property and liability insurance costs.

Western Berks Ambulance Association further indicates that these increases are important to its financial stability, and that it has and will continue to have an emphasis

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on operational efficiencies to ensure its continuation as a premier paratransit service in Pennsylvania.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find:

1. The proposed new tariffs.
2. The Estimated Effect of Rate Increase on Revenues for 11/01/2024 through 10/31/2025, which also shows the calculations by which the estimates are made.
3. A copy of the Notice that has been posted.
4. An Affidavit of the Executive Director of Western Berks Ambulance Association, averring that the facts are true and correct, and stating that he expects to be able to prove the same at any hearing on this matter.

Based upon this request for a tariff increase and all of the supporting data contained in this request for a tariff increase, we respectfully request that the Commission approve, as submitted, the proposed new tariffs for Western Berks Ambulance Association, so that they may become effective on January 1, 2025. We believe that this is all of the data required under 52 Pa. Code § 23.63 for filing a proposed paratransit rate change. But, please contact me should you require additional information.

Very truly yours,



Christina M. Mellott

CMM:ms
Enclosures

cc: Western Berks Ambulance Association (*via e-mail*)
Jerome Elliott, Passenger Tariff Specialist (*via e-mail to: jerelliott@pa.gov*)

Certificate No. A-00112751

Paratransit Pa. PUC No. 7
Cancels
Paratransit Pa. PUC No. 6

WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

**PARATRANSIT TARIFF NAMING RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS
IN PARATRANSIT SERVICE, BETWEEN POINTS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

To transport, as a common carrier, by motor vehicle, persons in paratransit service, from points in the Counties of Berks, Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery and Schuylkill, to point and from points in said county, to points in Pennsylvania, and return;

Provided, however, that, in Chester County, service must be either to or from facilities of Tower Health.

Issued: December 31, 2025

Effective: January 1, 2026

Issued By:

Issued By:
Michael Leifer, President
Western Berks Ambulance Association
P.O. Box 2506
2506 Belmont Avenue
West Lawn, PA 19609-0506
(610) 678-1545

LIST OF CHANGES MADE BY THIS TARIFF

1. Added base rates for wheelchair vans and safe cars.
2. Added discounted rates for subscribers.
3. Added mileage rates for wheelchair vans, safe cars, and return empty mileage for trips exceeding 25 miles one way
4. Added an after-hours surcharge.
5. Added an extra attendant charge.
6. Increased the base rate.
7. Increased the holiday surcharge.
8. Added no show/failure to cancel surcharges for wheelchair vans and safe cars, with discounted rates for subscribers.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ADVANCE NOTICE

Advanced reservations must be made at least one hour prior to when service is to be rendered.

Requests for medically needed and indicated paratransit service will be given priority, and other requests for regulated paratransit service will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis in order to continue to effectively meet the needs of the community.

NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF SERVICE

Service is provided on a non-exclusive basis.

RATES

All rates are specifically stated for paratransit service, mileage and waiting time.

OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES

Any and all additional expenses necessitated by or incurred at the request of either the passenger or the party making the reservation (such as, but not limited to, tolls, parking fees, entrance fees, and other out of pocket expenses) shall be added to the charge of the trip.

MILEAGE RATE

Mileage hereunder shall be governed by the actual odometer reading of the vehicle or vehicles employed from point of pickup to point of drop off rounded to the nearest mile. Traditional rounding methods shall be utilized, except for transports of 0.1 to 0.4 miles, as the minimum mileage charge shall be 1.0 miles.

CONTRACT SERVICES

Contract services provided will be for a term of not less than 30 days for private parties and for prequalified persons under federal, state, county or municipal governmental agency contracts. Rates for the services will be specified in the respective contract, copies of which, including any amendments thereto, are to be filed with the Commission as executed to become effective on one day's notice.

HOLIDAY SURCHARGE

Trips on the following holidays are subject to a holiday surcharge as listed in the SCHEDULE OF RATES: New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

(C) AFTER-HOURS SURCHARGE

- (C) Trips scheduled on Saturdays, Sundays, prior to 8:00 a.m. Mondays through Fridays, and after 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, are subject to an after-hours surcharge as listed in the SCHEDULE OF RATES.

(C) EXTRA ATTENDANT

- (C) In the event a party making a reservation requests an extra attendant for the passenger, or the passenger otherwise requires an extra attendant in order for the passenger to be moved safely, an extra attendant charge, as set forth in the SCHEDULE OF RATES will apply.

(C) SUBSCRIBER RATES

- (C) Subscribers are those persons who are members of the Western Berks Ambulance Association subscription program at the time of the transport. Subscribers are entitled to discounted rates, as set forth in the SCHEDULE OF RATES.

(C) indicates a change or addition.

SCHEDULE OF RATES

(A)(C) **BASE RATES**: For all loaded-mile trips from the point of pickup to the point of destination. The type of vehicle used will be based on the type of transportation/vehicle requested by the person making the reservation. Subscribers are those persons who are members of the Western Berks Ambulance Association subscription program at the time of the transport. Safe cars are vehicles other than wheelchair vans or ambulances used by Western Berks Ambulance Association to transport patients for behavioral health-related purposes or needs.

- **Via Wheelchair Van – Standard Rate**: \$125.00 per passenger per trip (i.e., one way)
- **Via Wheelchair Van – Subscriber Rate**: \$100.00 per passenger per trip (i.e., one way)
- **Via Safe Car – Standard Rate**: \$150.00 per passenger per trip (i.e., one way)
- **Via Safe Car – Subscriber Rate**: \$125.00 per passenger per trip (i.e., one way)

(A) **WAITING TIME**: A waiting time charge set forth below applies, in addition to the base rate listed above.

- \$50.00 per 30 minutes or fraction thereof.

(A)(C) **MILEAGE**: A mileage charge set forth below, applies in addition to the base rate listed above, for all loaded miles from the point of pickup to the point of destination. A return -empty mileage charge applies for all trips exceeding 25 miles per trip (i.e., one way).

- **Wheelchair Van Mileage – Standard Rate**: \$8.00 per mile
- **Wheelchair Van Mileage – Subscriber Rate**: \$6.00 per mile
- **Safe Car Mileage – Standard Rate**: \$8.00 per mile
- **Safe Car Mileage – Subscriber Rate**: \$7.00 per mile
- **Return-Empty Mileage – Standard Rate**: \$4.00 per mile (for trips exceeding 25 miles per trip (i.e., one way))
- **Return-Empty Mileage – Subscriber Rate**: \$3.50 per mile (for trips exceeding 25 miles per trip (i.e., one way))

(A) **HOLIDAY SURCHARGE**: A holiday surcharge set forth below will apply in addition to the base rate and other applicable rates, for all trips which occur on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

- \$40.00 per passenger per trip

(A) indicates an increase in rates

(C) indicates a change or addition

(A)(C) **NO SHOW/FAILURE TO CANCEL:** A surcharge set forth below will apply in addition to the base rate, for all trips where the passenger either does not show up to be transported at or near the scheduled pickup time, or does not provide a minimum of 24 hours' notice of a cancellation of a scheduled transport.

- **Wheelchair Van Reservation No Show – Standard Rate:** \$45.00 per person
- **Wheelchair Van Reservation No Show – Subscriber Rate:** \$40.00 per person
- **Safe Car Reservation No Show – Standard Rate:** \$50.00 per person
- **Safe Car Reservation No Show – Subscriber Rate:** \$40.00 per person

(A)(C) **EXTRA ATTENDANT:** In the event a party making a reservation requests an extra attendant for the passenger, or the passenger otherwise requires an extra attendant in order for the passenger to be moved safely, an extra attendant charge will apply.

- \$100.00 per passenger for up to two hours
- \$43.00 per passenger per 30 minutes or fraction thereof for two hours or more

(A)(C) **AFTER HOURS SURCHARGE:** An after hours surcharge set forth below will apply in addition to the base rate and other applicable rates for all trips scheduled on Saturdays, Sundays, prior to 8:00 a.m. Mondays through Fridays, and after 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

- \$40.00 per passenger per trip

(A) indicates an increase in rates

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ESTIMATED EFFECT OF RATE CHANGE ON REVENUES
FOR WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
FOR 11/1/2024 THROUGH 10/31/2025

TOTAL PUC-REGULATED TRANSPORTS

Total trips entailing mileage charges	2384
Total paratransit transports	2384

Annual Revenue for PUC-Regulated Transports Using Current Tariff Rates

2384 paratransit transports @ \$53/trip	\$ 126352
2384 transports entailing mileage charges @ \$5.00/mi.	\$ 201432
0 transports entailing waiting time @ \$15/15 min or fraction thereof (after first 30 minutes)	\$ 0
10 transports incurring holiday surcharge (\$10)	\$ 100

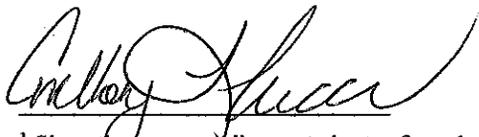
Total Revenue for PUC-Regulated Transports Using Current Tariff Rates \$ 327784

Annual Revenue for PUC-Regulated Transports Using Proposed New Tariff Rates¹

2027 wheelchair van transports @ \$125.00/trip	\$ 253375
357 safe car transports @ \$150.00/trip	\$ 53550
40286 standard mileage @ \$8.00/mile	\$ 322291
178 return-empty mileage @ \$4.00/per mile (after 25 miles)	\$ 4462
0 transports entailing waiting time @ \$50/30 min or fraction thereof	\$
10 transports incurring holiday surcharge (\$10)	\$ 100
30 no show/failure to cancel – wheelchair van (\$45)	\$ 1500
30 no show/failure to cancel – safe car (\$50)	\$ 1500
100 extra attendant – up to two hours (\$100)	\$ 10000
0 extra attendant - \$43/passenger per 30 minutes after two hours	\$ 0
50 after hours surcharge (\$40)	\$ 2000

Total Revenue for PUC-Regulated Transports Using
Proposed New Tariff Rates \$ 644316

Difference in Revenue Between Current Tariff Rates and Proposed Tariff Rates \$ 316532



¹ Since there are no discounted rates for subscribers in the current tariffs, Western Berks Ambulance Association does not have a record of transports performed for subscribers during the relevant time period, and these numbers are not factored into the revenue under the new rates.

NOTICE :

NEW RATES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE

1/1/2025

MAKING INCREASES IN RATES AFFECTING

PARATRANSIT SERVICE

**HAVING BEEN FILED AND POSTED IN THE OFFICES
OF THIS CARRIER AND WILL BE PRODUCED FOR
EXAMINATION UPON REQUEST.**

AFFIDAVIT

Anthony Tucci, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Executive Director of Western Berks Ambulance Association; that he is authorized to and does make this affidavit for it; and that the facts set forth above are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief and he expects Western Berks Ambulance Association to be able to prove the same at the hearing hereof. In the event of any proceedings before the Commission with respect to the proposed rates, it is agreed that the tariff and the financial and other data submitted therewith will be offered into evidence by Western Berks Ambulance Association as an exhibit.



Anthony Tucci, Executive Director
Western Berks Ambulance Association

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 21st day of November, 2025



(Signature of Notary Public administering
oath)

My Commission Expires 10/06/2029

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Cindy A. Thomason, Notary Public
Berks County
My commission expires October 6, 2029
Commission number 1166282
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries