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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.

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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

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(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

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