

Report EMSR-TAPS-10-14

To: Chairman Al Barfoot and Members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee
From: Mike Muir, Director of EMS
Meeting Date: April 17, 2014
Subject: Cross Border Billing – Bruce County
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution TAPS61-14; Endorsed by County Council May 6, 2014 per Resolution CC60-14;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS in 2012 Grey County approved a motion to enter into agreements with neighbouring single and upper-tier municipalities for the purposes of annual financial reconciliation of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) cross-border service accounts;

AND WHEREAS Grey County has received a reconciled invoice from Bruce County for payment of cross-border land ambulance services provided in 2012 in the amount of \$4,235.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reports EMSR-TAPS-10-14 regarding cross border billing for Bruce County be received;

AND THAT the payment of cross-border land ambulance services provided by Bruce County in 2012 in the amount of \$4,235.50 be approved.

Background

On May 1, 2012 County Council endorsed a resolution for the purposes of entering into agreements with municipalities relating to ambulance cross border billing (CBB). The premise for CBB is to allow municipalities to recover costs associated with providing land ambulance services within the boundaries of another municipality. Agreements of

this nature are enabled through legislation contained in the Ambulance Act and Regulations.

The issue of CBB was discussed amongst the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) in late 2011 resulting in an understanding that municipalities within the WOWC wishing to bill for cross border services would use a standard agreement template. Grey County received a CBB invoice from Bruce County in mid-2013 in the amount of \$4,235.50. All calls related to the invoice have been verified by both Grey and Bruce County staff. Grey is a net payer to Bruce County for the 2012 calendar year.

Although the WOWC agreed in 2012 to participate in CBB, there had been little movement towards municipalities entering into agreements and in particular, Grey County had not entered into any CBB agreements. Additionally, it had come to staff's attention that there are municipalities with CBB implications with Grey County that were not prepared to enter into CBB agreements. This issue was discussed at the December 5, 2013 Transportation and Public Safety committee meeting where staff were directed to postpone entering into CBB agreement until further discussion could take place at a future WOWC meeting. Discussions did occur at the WOWC meeting in January 2014 and it was again agreed by the members that those wishing to bill for services would use the agreement template that had been endorsed by the WOWC.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

There are financial implications related to this payment as there were no budgeted funds allocated to the 2014 budget for CBB. The funds will need to come from year end operating surpluses and/or reserves as required.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Goal #5 Listening and Working Together: 5.2 Collaborate with the public, stakeholders, and other governments to improve delivery of county services.

Cooperative between municipal partners in the delivery of quality services is enhanced through this agreement.

Respectfully submitted by,

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July 18, 2013

Subject: Revised 2012 Cross Border Billing

Attention: Mike Muir, Director of EMS

Dear Mike,

Subsequent to our meeting on July 17, 2013 and after further reconciliation I am writing to provide you with the **revised** Cross Border Billing information that has been completed in each other's county by our respective EMS Departments.

The call volume that Bruce County EMS' Ambulances completed in Grey and vice versa for the calendar year 2012 is reflected in the table below.

GREY	Codes 1 - 4	Codes 1 - 4			
	Calls Done by Bruce	Calls Done by Grey	Variance	Rate Per call	Cost
2012	205	195	10	217.00	\$ 2,170.00

	Code 8	Code 8			
	Calls Done by Bruce	Calls Done by Grey	Variance	Rate Per call	Cost
2012	11	8	3	108.50	\$ 325.50

	ERV	ERV			
	Calls Done by Bruce	Calls Done by Grey	Variance	Rate Per Call	Cost
	19	7	12	145.00	\$ 1,740.00
Total					\$ 4,235.50

Please contact me at your earliest convenience if you wish to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Doug Smith
 Director of Emergency Services/Chief of EMS
 County of Bruce

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AGREEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION 6(3) OF THE AMBULANCE ACT, R.S.O. 1990,
c.A.19, as amended, MADE THIS DAY OF , 2012.

BETWEEN:

The County of XXXXX (“XXXXXX”)

AND:

The County of XXXXXXXX (“XXXXXXX”)

WHEREAS XXXXXX and XXXXXXXX wish to agree as between them on both criteria and process for the provision and payment for land ambulance services provided by each of them for the benefit of the other;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AGREED THAT:

1. If, during the term of this agreement, either XXXXXX or XXXXXXXX receives a call from the other to provide land ambulance services within the geographical boundaries of the other (“inter-municipal ambulance services”), XXXXXX or XXXXXXXX, as the case may be, is entitled to recover costs under the following circumstances:
 - a. The applicable standard cost per call for those calls which are coded by the applicable Central Ambulance Communications Centre (“CACC”) as Codes “3” and “4” (or equivalent in an alternate Prioritization Protocol, and, which have a valid T4 time in the ADDAS database.
 - b. The applicable standard cost per call for those calls which are coded by the applicable CACC as Codes “1” or “2” (or equivalent in an alternate Prioritization Protocol), which have a valid T5 time in the ADDAS database and a patient was transported, and are not identified as repatriation calls.
 - c. No payment per ambulance call for those calls which are coded by the applicable CACC as Codes “1” or “2” (or equivalent in an alternate Prioritization Protocol) and are identified as repatriation calls. Repatriation calls are those identified as Codes “1” or “2” (or equivalent in an alternate Prioritization Protocol) and which have been determined

through agreement of the of the Emergency Medical Services Chiefs, or their designates in each municipality, as the return of a municipality's resident to his/her home municipality in the home municipality's ambulance.

- d. Half of the applicable standard cost per call for those calls which are coded by the applicable CACC as a Code "8" (or equivalent in an alternate Prioritization Protocol) and where the standby location was within the geographical boundary of the other party's municipality.
2. The applicable standard cost per call referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be the rates as established by the Ontario Regional and Single Tier Treasurer's Group as amended annually for the preceding year.
 3. Within ninety (90) days of the conclusion of each calendar year each party shall forward the details of the inter-municipal calls performed to the other party. The parties shall have sixty (60) days to verify the calls are accurately assigned to their municipality and come to agreement on the net cost for inter-municipal ambulance services. The invoice shall be payable within sixty days of the parties coming to agreement on the net cost for inter-municipal land ambulance services in the calendar year with interest thereafter at a rate of 8% per annum.
 4. The Agreement shall have a term of ten (10) years, commencing January 1, XXXX and continuing to December 31, XXXX.
 5. Despite Section 4, this agreement may be terminated at any time by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party if there is a material change of legislation or funding of wither party's inter-municipal land ambulance service by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (or any successor thereto).
 6. This agreement may be executed in counterpart.
 7. This agreement ensures to the benefit of, and is binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties.
 8. The Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada.
 9. Any notice required under the is Agreement shall be delivered by hand or by fax as follows:
 - a. To XXXXXXX,

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Attention:

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b. To XXXXXXXX,

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