



Legislation Text

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By Council Members Ulrich, Borelli and Rosenthal

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the fire department to report on ambulance transport costs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 15 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 15-132 to read as follows:

§ 15-132. Ambulance Transport Costs. a. Definitions. For the purpose of this section the term “charitable care policy” means the department’s charitable care policy for ambulance transports, or any successor program, through which an individual can apply to receive a sliding scale fee for ambulance transport based on that individual’s financial means.

b. No later than January 1, 2019, and within fifteen days after the beginning of each subsequent quarter, the department shall submit to council and post on its website a report relating to ambulance transport fees and the department’s charitable care policy. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information for the prior quarter: 1. the number of ambulance transports conducted by the department’s bureau of emergency medical services; 2. the number of times the department sought reimbursement from a third party entity for an ambulance transport, disaggregated by the source of reimbursement and whether such reimbursement was provided; 3. the number of ambulance transports resulting in a patient receiving a bill or request for payment from the department and the average amount of such bills; 4. the number of applications that the department received for patients seeking relief under the department’s charitable care policy; and 5. the number of such charitable care policy application granted.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately after it becomes law.

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