

2023 WSCFF Convention Resolution

SUBJECT: Recovering Costs for Hospital Times
RESOLUTION #: 23-25

WHEREAS: Emergency Medical Services units transport patients to hospital emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS: Staffing challenges at hospitals cause long wait times for EMS crews when transferring patients to the care of hospital staff; and

WHEREAS: Wall times are harmful to patients and delays them receiving care; and

WHEREAS: EMS crews who are unable to transfer patients in a reasonable time are kept out of service, resulting in an impact to their working conditions; and

WHEREAS: Out of service EMS crews are therefore unavailable to respond to calls in their response area while waiting, which extends the harm to their local communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the WSCFF shall pursue, through legislation, the adoption of language that would permit an agency transporting patients as a result of 911 calls to bill hospitals for the cost for personnel and apparatus for any wall time in excess of 30 minutes, where “wall time” is defined as the elapsed time between when the EMS crew arrives and the time the patient is fully transferred to the physical and medical supervision of the hospital staff.

SUBMITTED BY: Legislative

Committee	Action Taken	Recommendation
Legislative	Do Pass	Do Pass
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ASSIGNED DESIGNATION: