



30 June 2009

Change to Ambulance fees

From 1 July 2009 residents of NSW and residents of any other Australian state or territory that is party to a reciprocal arrangement will be charged at a rate of 51 per cent of the actual cost of the provision of primary emergency ambulance services.

The Ambulance Service of NSW recovers 100 per cent of the cost of ambulance services provided to residents of states that do not have a reciprocal arrangement with NSW.

NEW FEES

From July 1 2009 NSW residents requiring road or helicopter emergency ambulance transport within NSW will be required to pay a \$301 callout fee, plus an additional charge of \$2.72 per kilometre or part thereof.

NEW FEES COMPARED TO 2008/09

ROAD				FIXED WING & HELICOPTER	
Emergency		Non-emergency		Emergency	
08/09	09/10	08/09	09/10	08/09	09/10
\$290 call out	\$301	\$228	\$237	\$290	\$301
\$2.62 per Km	\$2.72	\$1.41	\$1.47	\$2.62	\$2.72

There are no changes to existing exemptions from ambulance transport fees – pensioners, health care card holders and veterans with an accepted war related injury continue to remain exempt from fees.

The Ambulance Service of NSW is one of the most highly subsidised ambulance services in Australia.

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