

	LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY	Number: G.O. 7.17
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CHAPTER: Patrol		Related Policy: G.O. 1.11 (Use of Discretion), G.O. 7.16 (Guidelines for Avoiding Liability), G.O. 12.04 (Transporting Inmates)
SUBJECT: Medical Treatment and Ambulance Charges		Related Laws:

POLICY: It is the policy of this Sheriff's Office that employees shall make prudent use of Sheriff's Office resources for the successful completion of their assigned tasks and shall not request unnecessary expenditures.

RULE: Purchasing shall only be done by authorized personnel and according to Sheriff's Office procedures.

PROCEDURE:

I. Blood Alcohol Examinations

- A. Payment of blood alcohol examination fees is the financial responsibility of the Sheriff's Office, unless requested by the arrested party.

II. Medical Treatment

- A. All medical treatment shall be the financial responsibility of the party receiving treatments unless the party:
 - 1. Has been placed under arrest.
 - 2. Has refused treatment.
 - 3. Is getting treatment requested by the deputy in charge, with the approval of the Sergeant or Commanding Officer.
 - 4. Is remanded to the custody of the Sheriff.
- B. If the party has been placed under arrest, the Deputy should seek other alternatives to physical custody, such as the utilization of a Misdemeanor Citation whenever hospitalization appears imminent and necessary; to avoid the County assuming financial responsibility for unnecessarily incurred hospital bills.

- C. When medical services are rendered prior to a subject being booked into the Adult Corrections Facility by Sheriff's Office personnel, the costs will be the responsibility of the Administrative Division, unless the reason for the medical services are the result of an injury incurred as a result of the arrest or the charges are from another jurisdiction. Injuries incurred as a result of the arrest will be covered under the Law Enforcement Medical Liability Account (LEMLA). Medical services provided to individuals arrested on out of county, out of state, or municipal warrants are the responsibility of the agency who issued the warrant.
 - 1. LEMLA claims that are presented to the Corrections Division will be forwarded to the Corrections Division Health Services Administrator for processing.
 - 2. LEMLA claims that are presented to the Police Services Division will be forwarded to the Police Services Administration for processing.
- D. Acceptance of inmates in need of medical treatment shall be at the discretion of the Adult Corrections Facility. Once an inmate is in the custody of the Adult Corrections Facility, in house medical treatment shall be the responsibility of that division. If emergent medical services are needed and cannot be provided by Corrections Division medical staff, arrangements will be made with an outside provider and the costs of such service shall be the responsibility of the inmate as defined in ORS 169.166 assuming that the arrest is made on State charges. Medical services provided to individuals in custody on out of county, out of state, or municipal warrants are the responsibility of the agency who issued the warrant.
- E. Agencies which house municipally charged prisoners in the Lane County Adult Corrections Facility shall be responsible for medical costs during incarceration.
- F. All medical costs for Federal inmates being housed at the Lane County Adult Corrections shall be the responsibility of the United States Government.

III. Ambulance Charges

- A. Ambulance fees shall be the responsibility of the party receiving service.
 - 1. Deputies may make notations but shall not sign Verification of Financial Responsibility Forms.
 - 2. If a problem arises, notify the on duty or on-call supervisor.
 - 3. If the patient is unable to sign for him/herself, Deputies should write on the form that the patient was unable to sign due to unconsciousness, injury, etc.

4. Under any circumstances a report shall be filed detailing the circumstances and whether the victim was able to sign the form.
5. Ambulance service necessary for transport of inmates in the custody of Adult Corrections shall be the responsibility of the Corrections Division.