

Here's what hired petition-gatherers are distributing — chock full of inaccuracies:

False. No ambulance fees for Montgomery County residents.

Take Action...Make Your Voice Heard

If you agree that we should say “no” to ambulance fees, there are many ways you can make your voice heard.

- Sign a petition to put this issue on the November 2012 ballot so voters can decide this critical public safety issue. Petitions can be downloaded at www.stopambulancefee.org.
- Tell your friends and neighbors about this issue - and encourage them to get engaged.
- Notify your community association - and ask the association to encourage it's members to get involved.
- Collect signatures yourself. The petition is available at www.stopambulancefee.org. Please adhere to all the directions on the form in collecting signatures.
- Educate yourself and others. Learn more at www.stopambulancefee.org.

Stop Ambulance Fees in Montgomery County!!!

On May 28, 2012, the County Executive signed legislation to change ambulance fees in Montgomery County

**This is after VOTERS REJECTED
ambulance fees in the November
2010 election**

We Need **Your Help** in Saying “No”
Ambulance Fees

Learn More...Take Action Now!

**False. No fee for
County residents.**

Ambulance Fees Are Coming... Unless You Say "No"

Background

On May 28, County Executive signed Bill 17-12, which will charge ambulance fees in Montgomery County. The charges will range from \$300 to \$800 plus \$8.50 per mile (or more) if a patient is transported to the hospital.

What does the Bill Say?

The bill would add new Section 21-23A to the County Code, including the following subsection (b):

"The County must impose a **fee** for any emergency medical services transport provided in the County and, unless prohibited by other law, outside the County under a mutual aid agreement."

What Happens Next?

Unless voters reject ambulance fees on the November 2012 ballot, the County will begin charging for ambulance service on January 1, 2012.

But countless volunteers and others are working hard to gather signatures to put this issue on the November 2012 ballot. **That's why you need to act now!**

Why Say "No" to Ambulance Fees

Charging for Ambulance Service is Wrong

We believe it is **simply wrong** to charge anyone for such a basic public service as emergency transport to a hospital.

Residents Will Pay in Higher Premiums and Otherwise

While fee supporters promise County residents won't be charged ambulance fees, **County residents will face higher insurance premiums.** And while County residents won't be charged a fee, the bills to insurance companies will count against deductibles and caps.

Some People Won't Call 911 in an Emergency

Studies show charging ambulance fees will deter 911 calls. In Fairfax County, EMS calls dropped after such fees were imposed. **And non-County residents will be charged the full fee.** Learn more at www.stopambulancefee.org.

Insurance Rates Will Go Up

Health insurance rates will go up if the County begins charging ambulance fees. And increased rates will fall on those least able to afford them, including the poor, working class families and small business owners.

It is Wrong to Charge for Volunteer Service

Hundreds of volunteers provide free EMS service to County residents. It is wrong for the County to charge for something that volunteers do as a community service.

**Volunteer service is not "free".
Montgomery County spends \$32
million a year to support volunteers,
including cash payments and
retirement benefits for volunteers.**

**Nearly every
jurisdiction around
Montgomery County
does insurance
reimbursement with
no adverse effects.**

**False. Insurance
companies already
charge for this
service as part of
existing premiums.
No increases in
any jurisdiction
with ambulance
reimbursement.**

**False. Fairfax County
EMS calls have
increased since
their reimbursement
program started.**

**False. Insurance
will pay for
non-residents, with
hardship waivers
available for
deductibles, copays,
uninsured.**

**False.
County residents
pay nothing.**

**False.
This excerpt
"doctors" the
actual language
of the law
by substituting
word "fee" for
"reimbursement".**

**The actual
law also says
"County residents
will not pay any
out-of-pocket
expense".**