



**Kittitas County Public Hospital District No. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING**

**October 16th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Upper Kittitas County Medic One Ambulance Station 99
111 Pine Street, Cle Elum**

AGENDA

I. Call Budget Hearing to Order:

- a. Review of 2024 Budget (for levy purposes)
 - b. Approval of Resolution No. 10-16-23-02: Adoption of 2024 Budget * **(3-4)**
 - c. Approval of Resolution No. 10-16-23-03: Authorization of 2024 Hospital District 2 EMS Property Tax Levy * **(5)**
 - d. Approval of Resolution No. 10-16-23-04: Authorization of 2024 Hospital District 2 Maintenance Property Tax Levy * **(6)**
 - e. Adjourn Budget Hearing
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I. Introductions

II. Approval of Agenda * **(1-2)**

III. Approval of Minutes *

- a. September 18, 2023 **(7-9)**

IV. Public Comments/Announcements/Correspondence

V. Reports:

- a. Operations Report (G. Scherer) **(10-17)**
- b. Superintendent's Report (J. Petersen) **(18-23)**
- c. Ancillary Report (R. Holden) **(24-29)**
 - 1. Community Updates
- d. Finance Report, Approval of Expenses* (S. Olander) **(30-40)**
 - 1. Finance Report September 2023

VI. Old Business

- a. Update on Information Campaign (hold for November meeting))
- b. Levy Committee (M. Wurl)
 - 1. Assign 2 board members to Levy Committee *

VII. New Business

- a. One-Year Wage Opener (possible action)
- b. Approve form of resolution for possible levy lid lift to be brought to the January 15, 2024 meeting * **(41-46)**

Key:

*Action Item



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c. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

1. November 20, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting
2. December 18, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

VIII. Executive Session

- a. Recess into Executive Session, Real Estate - RCW 42.30.110(b)
- b. Convene into Open Session

IX. Adjournment

Note: Upcoming Agenda Items

***** Filing & Election Dates *****

Filing Deadline

December 15, 2023
February 12, 2024
May 3, 2024
August 6, 2024

Election Date

February 13, 2024 Special Election
April 23, 2024 Election
August 6, 2024 Primary Election
November 7, 2024 General Election

KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2

RESOLUTION NO. 10-16-23-02

A resolution adopting the budget for Kittitas County Public Hospital District No. 2 for the calendar year 2024.

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Kittitas County, is responsible for adopting an appropriate operating budget for District for the year 2024;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Kittitas County, to adopt the 2024 operating budget (Exhibit A).

APPROVED at an open budget-hearing meeting of the Board of Commissioners this 16th day of October, 2023.

President and Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Exhibit A
Kittitas County Public Hospital District No. 2
2024 Projected Operating Budget

	EMS	District Amin	Total
			-
Net Operating Revenues	\$ 1,116,048.00	\$ 502,129.00	\$ 1,618,177.00
			\$ -
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,564,809.00	\$ 953,981.00	\$ 3,518,790.00
			\$ -
Net from Operations	\$ (1,448,761.00)	\$ (451,852.00)	\$ (1,900,613.00)
Non Operating			
Levy - EMS	\$ 920,829.00	\$ -	\$ 920,829.00
Levy - Regular	\$ -	\$ 985,027.00	\$ 985,027.00
Net Non Operating	\$ 920,829.00	\$ 985,027.00	\$ 1,905,856.00
Net Gain/Loss	\$ (527,932.00)	\$ 533,175.00	\$ 5,243.00



Ordinance / Resolution No. 10-16-23-03
RCW 84.55.120

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Kittitas County Public Hospital Dist 2/EMS has met and considered
(Governing body of the taxing district) (Name of the taxing district)
its budget for the calendar year 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the districts actual levy amount from the previous year was \$ 869,399.82; and,
(Previous year's levy amount)

WHEREAS, the population of this district is more than or less than 10,000; and now, therefore,
(Check one)

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the taxing district that an increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2024 tax year.
(Year of collection)

The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$ 8,694.00
which is a percentage increase of 1.0 % from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of
(Percentage increase)

additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, and any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

Adopted this 16 day of October, 2023.

If additional signatures are necessary, please attach additional page.

This form or its equivalent must be submitted to your county assessor prior to their calculation of the property tax levies. A certified budget/levy request, separate from this form is to be filed with the County Legislative Authority no later than November 30th. As required by RCW 84.52.020, that filing certifies the total amount to be levied by the regular property tax levy. The Department of Revenue provides the "Levy Certification" form (REV 64 0100) for this purpose. The form can be found at: <http://dor.wa.gov/docs/forms/PropTx/Forms/LevyCertf.doc>.

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Ordinance / Resolution No. 10-16-23-04
RCW 84.55.120

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Kittitas County Public Hospital Dist has met and considered
(Governing body of the taxing district) 2/Maintenance
(Name of the taxing district)

its budget for the calendar year 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the districts actual levy amount from the previous year was \$ 930,023.93; and,
(Previous year's levy amount)

WHEREAS, the population of this district is more than or less than 10,000; and now, therefore,
(Check one)

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the taxing district that an increase in the regular property tax levy ~~2024~~
is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2024 tax year.
(Year of collection)

The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$ 9,300.24
which is a percentage increase of 1.0 % from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of
(Percentage increase)

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Kittitas County Public Hospital District #2

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday: September 18, 2023
Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Place: Medic One Ambulance Station, 111 Pine Street, Cle Elum, WA
Minutes Submitted By: Scott Olander, Treasurer

Call to Order:

Meeting: Call to Order by Commissioner Vatheuer at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions:

Commissioners: Ingrid Vimont, Hartwig Vatheuer and Carrie Youngblood.
Commissioner's Floyd Rogalski and Fred Benjamin were excused as was Superintendent Julie Petersen. Treasurer: Scott Olander; Ancillary Operations: Rhonda Holden; EMS Manager Geoff Scherer and Marketing: Michele Wurl.

Approval of Agenda:

Action: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Vimont and seconded by Commissioner Youngblood. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Action: A motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2023 was made by Commissioner Youngblood and seconded by Commissioner Vimont. Motion Carried.

Operations Report:

The Commissioners reviewed the written operations report and operating statistics prepared by Geoff for August 2023. In August there were 150 calls for service which lead to 78 transports. August transports exceeded budgeted transports by 7. There were 44 non-billable/free encounters in August. Geoff's report noted that Fire District 7 is no longer responding to low acuity EMS call; however all other Upper County partners are responding to calls. Geoff noted that KVFR assisted in transporting individuals injured in a MVA within Medic One's service area. Geoff reported that in August there were 24 hours when the District did not have ALS coverage because staff were busy transporting patients or busy responding to non-billable/free patient encounters.

Geoff presented a modified logo for District 2. The wording around the logo would change from Upper Kittitas County Hospital District 2 to Kittitas County Medic One. There was discussion about the modified logo but no final decision.

Superintendent's Report:

The commissioners reviewed and discussed the written Superintendent's Report.

Key Dates that Julie would like the Commissioners to keep in mind for the Future Levy are as follows:

Filing Deadline

December 14, 2023
February 12, 2024
May 3, 2024
August 6, 2024

Election Date

February 13, 2024 Special Election
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Michele reviewed new material that is provided weekly to inform the public about the many services provided by Medic One. The material highlighted Home Responses, Ambulance Responses and other responses that are billable and many that are not billable and provided free of charge. The material noted that unlike some upper County service providers, Medic One responds to "Every Call."

Ancillary Report:

The commissioners reviewed and discussed the written ancillary report. Rhonda provided a copy of a letter from the City of Cle Elum dated 9-13-2023 that responded to the Special Use Permit request to make temporary modifications to the 506 Power Street building which District 1 would like to lease from District 2 so that physical therapy services in Upper County can be expanded. In addition, Rhonda provided a letter from Davis Wright Tremain dated 9-15-2023 addressed to the District's Land Use Attorney, James Carmody asking that District 1 and 2 engage in mitigation discussions regarding the Proposed 47 North Development in Cle Elum.

Finance Report:

The financial statements for August 2023 were reviewed and discussed by the Commissioners. The review included a review of actual versus budgeted revenue and expense variances. The District received a grant income check of \$25,000 from Greater Health Now in August. Medic One did 78 transports in August which exceeded the budgeted transports by 7 transports. The average charge per transport was below budget by \$61 so the positive transport revenue variance was smaller than expected at \$10,944. YTD transport revenue is exceeding budget by \$140,458. YTD through August Medic One has done 568 transports, 7 transports more than budget. August expenses exceeded budget by \$10,691 due to a negative supply variance. YTD expenses are below budget by \$14,371. In August the District posted a Net Loss of \$2,691. YTD the District has posted Net Income of \$88,635 compared to a budgeted net loss of \$256,047; a positive variance of \$344,682.

Scott also presented and reviewed financial reports through June 30, 2023 for KVH Family Medicine, Cle Elum Physical Therapy and the Cle Elum Urgent Care Clinic.

Action: A motion to approve the warrants for August was made by Commissioner Vimont and seconded by Commissioner Youngblood. Motion Carried.

Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

Announcements:

The next regular meeting date: October 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the UKC Medic One Ambulance Station located at 111 Pine Street, Cle Elum, WA.

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm by Commissioner Vatheuer.

Operation's Manager Report – September 2023

	September 2023	September 2022
Calls for Service	128	123
Patient Count	106	115
Patient Transports	74	66
Patient Treated, Released and Free of Charge	27	37
Year to Date Transports	643	643
Station #73 Transports	40	
Station # 99 Transports	33	
Passed Calls	2	

PERSONNEL

3 out of 5 applicants showed up for interviews and testing, 2 EMT's and one Paramedic. We have one Paramedic who will be out for 12 weeks for hand surgery. I am requesting approval for a full-time float Paramedic employee to help cover this FMLA and future vacations. Year to date the agency has had 3,091 hours of vacation. (1,793 hours of sick)

APPARATUS

We will need to retro fit the first out ambulances with Opticomms for the new traffic lights in town. In the packet is a quote from Braun NW.

Year	Unit	Beg ODO	End ODO	Miles	Location	Comments
2022	M10	31,300	34,816	3,516	Station 93	1 st Out
2021	M9	62,256	64,606	2,350	Station 99	1 st Out
2019	M8	88,470	88,916	446	Station 99	Backup
2016	M6	140,767	140,769	2	Station 99	OOS
2016	M5	150,744	150,744	0	Station 99	Backup
Total Miles				6,314		

MISCELLANEOUS

- The agency is working on another grant from the DOH to deliver in home covid testing and vaccines.
- 20 hours of no ALS coverage in September 2023 (Level Zero) 17/2 calls, 4/3 calls, 2/5 calls.
- September had 4 hours of only one medic unit coverage due to staffing shortages down from 24 hours in August.

2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Percent	48%	51%	49%	40%	46%	41%	52%	52%	50%			
Calls	63	60	60	44	55	54	85	79	56			

2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Percent	34%	38%	47%	44%	51%	54%	37%	45%	47%	48%	52%	52%
Calls	61	23	54	48	64	78	54	58	55	62	57	65



Upper Kittitas County Medic O

Geoff Scherer

700 E 1st St

Cle Elum, Wa

98622

(509) 607-3161

geoff.scherer@ukcmedicone.org

Unit# 3567-1

VIN 1FDRF3HT1NDA12997

'22 Ford F350

Quote

Service Rep

John Lease

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

Braun Northwest
150 North Star Dr
Chehalis, WA 98532

MAILING ADDRESS

Braun Northwest, Inc.
PO Box 1204
Chehalis, WA 98532
(360) 748-0195

Customer PO#

OrderNum

7310465

Requested Due Date

8 /23/2023

Terms

NET 30

2988-1, 3353-1 & 3567-1

Need a quote for three Opticoms for these 3 units Braun NW 2988-1, 3353-1 & 3567-1. City is

Line #	Part Number	QTY	Price	Ext Price
01	794H LED emitter (high-priority)	3	\$1,990.00	\$5,970.00
Total Price:				\$5,970.00

TAX NOT INCLUDED

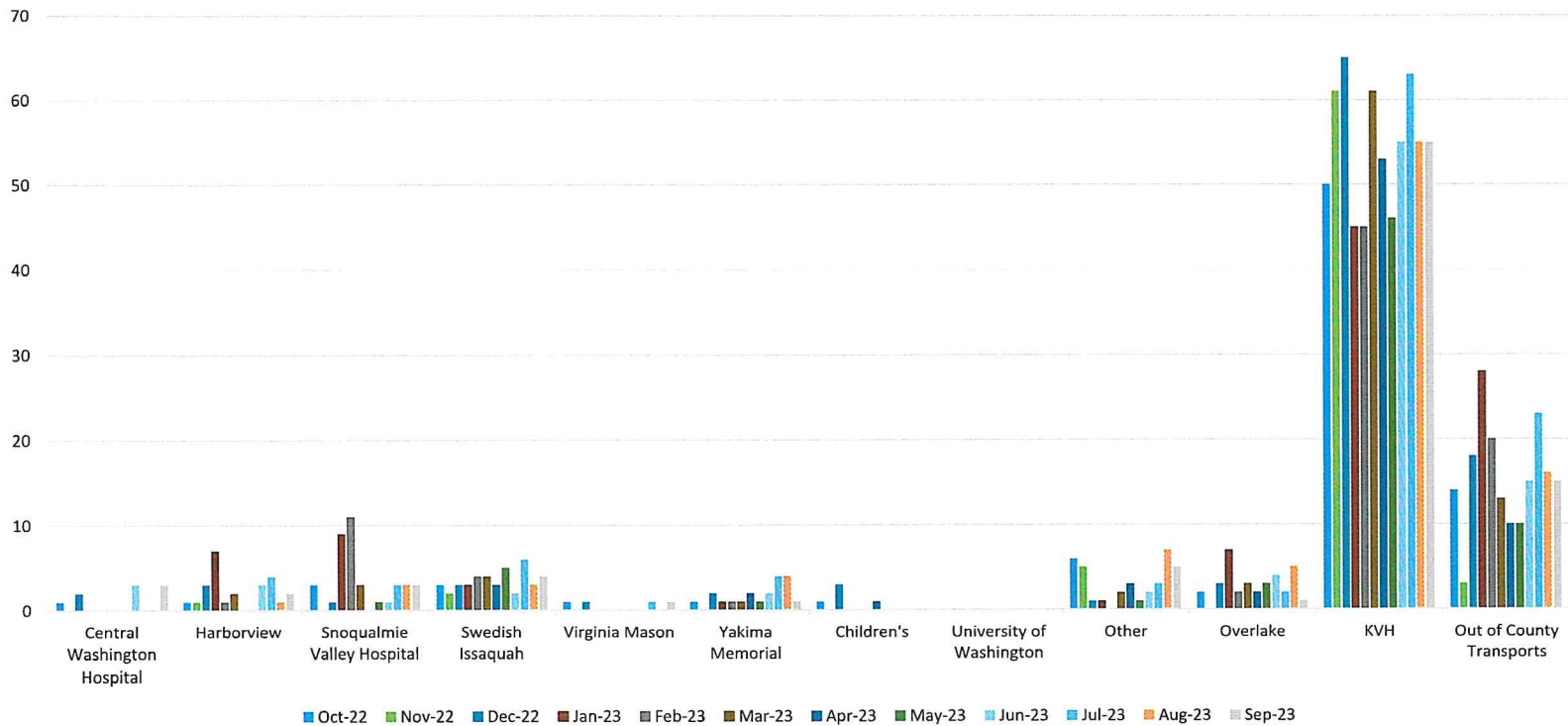
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A 35% RESTOCKING FEE MAY APPLY ON APPLICABLE ITEMS

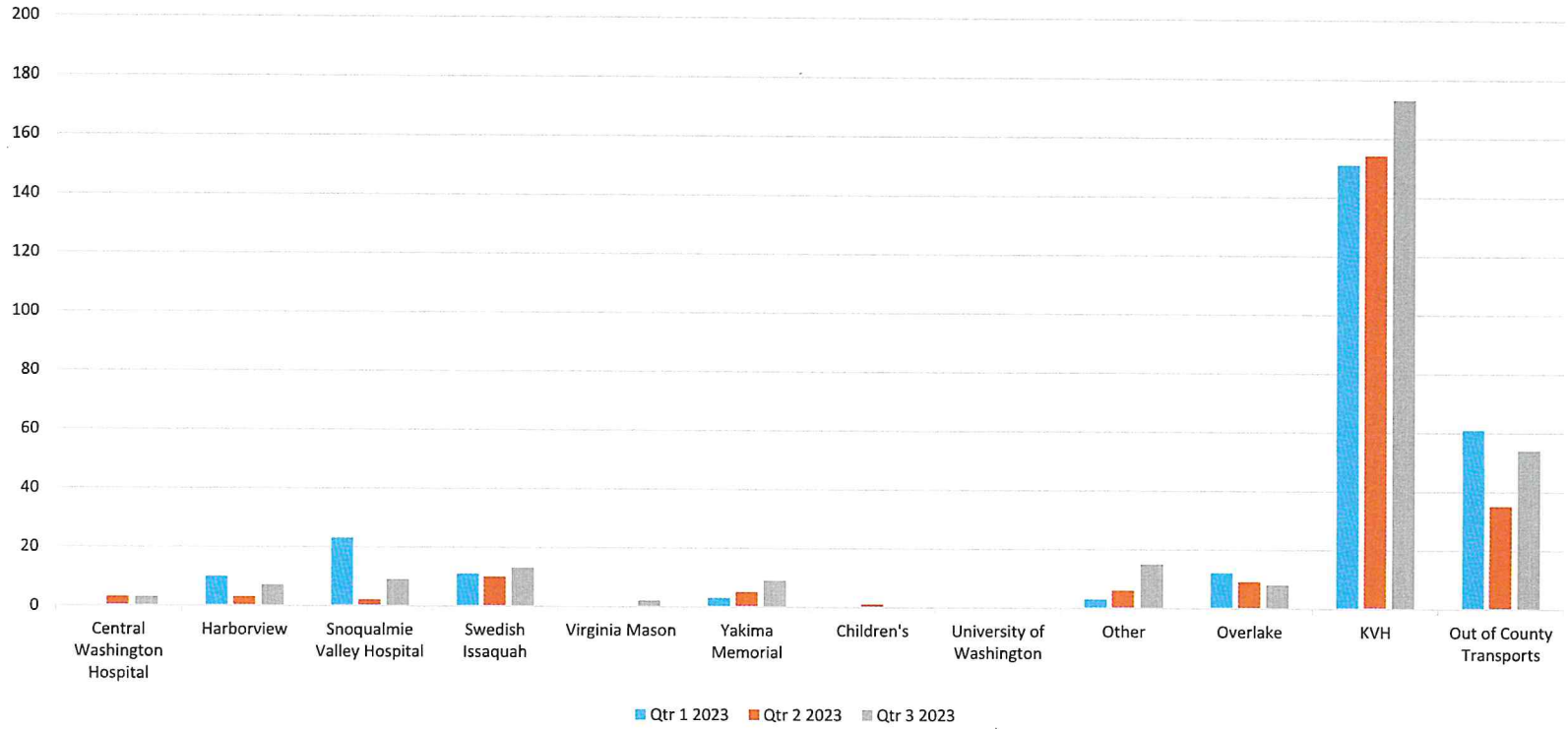
ALL QUOTES ARE VALID FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE QUOTATION. IF ACCEPTANCE IS RECEIVED AFTER THIS PERIOD HAS LAPSED, THE JOB MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE REQUOTED.

Hospital	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
Central Washington Hospital	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Harborview	1	1	3	7	1	2	0	0	3	4	1	2
Snoqualmie Valley Hospital	3	0	1	9	11	3	0	1	1	3	3	3
Swedish Issaquah	3	2	3	3	4	4	3	5	2	6	3	4
Virginia Mason	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Yakima Memorial	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	4	4	1
Children's	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
University of Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	6	5	1	1	0	2	3	1	2	3	7	5
Overlake	2	0	3	7	2	3	2	3	4	2	5	1
KVH	50	61	65	45	45	61	53	46	55	63	55	55
Out of County Transports	14	3	18	28	20	13	10	10	15	23	16	15

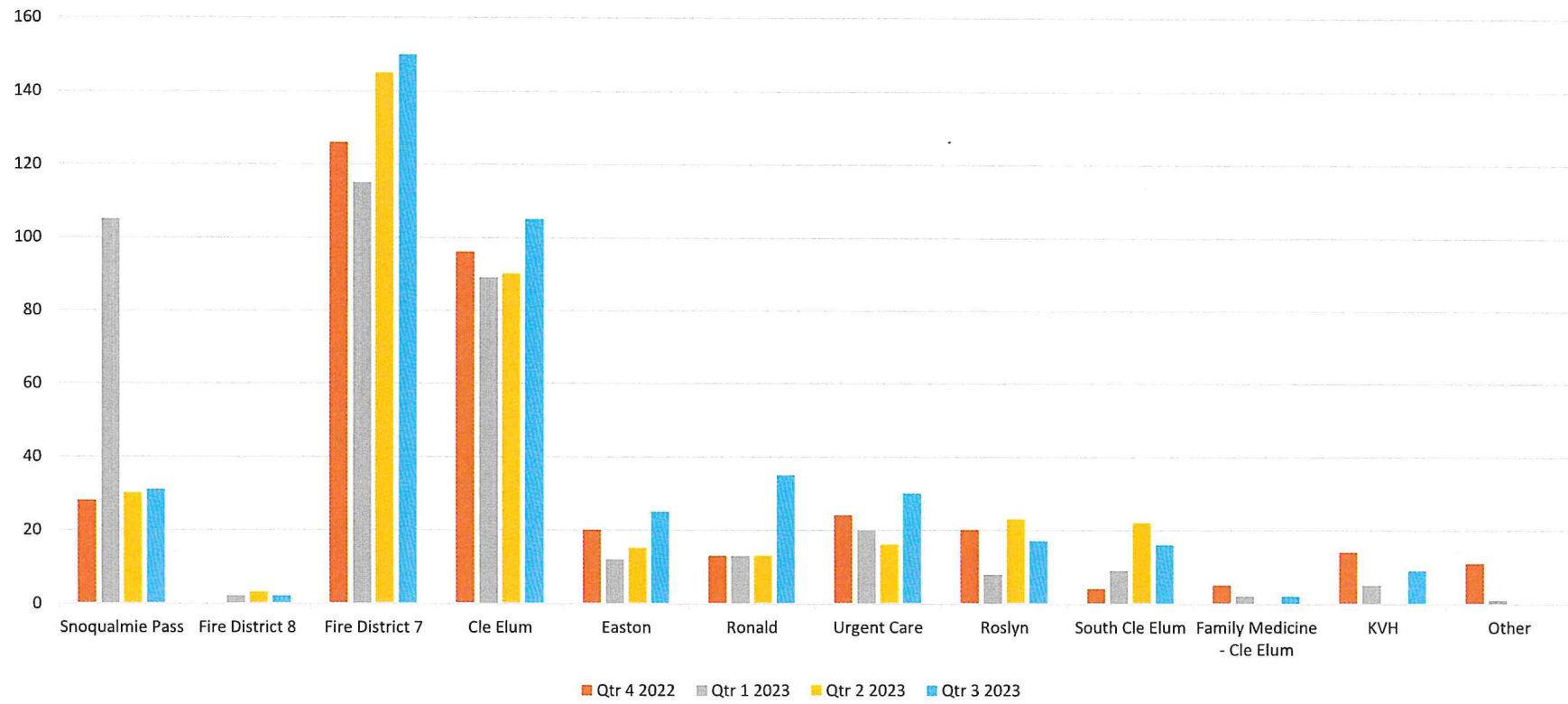
Patient Transport per Destination



Patient Transport Count per Destination

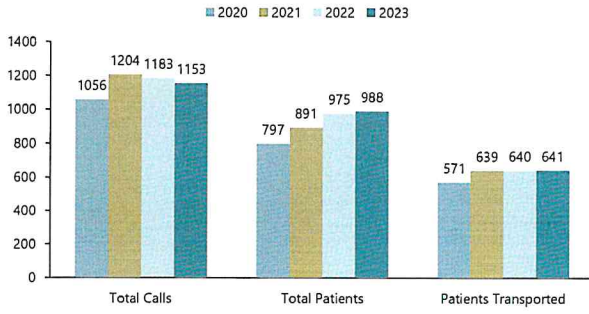


Calls for Service per Zone Q4 2022 - Q3 2023

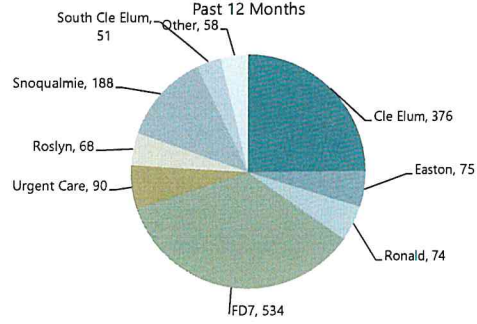


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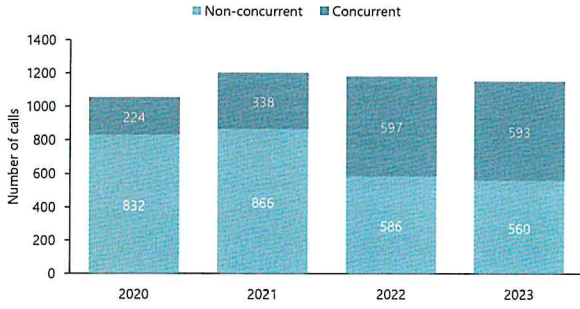
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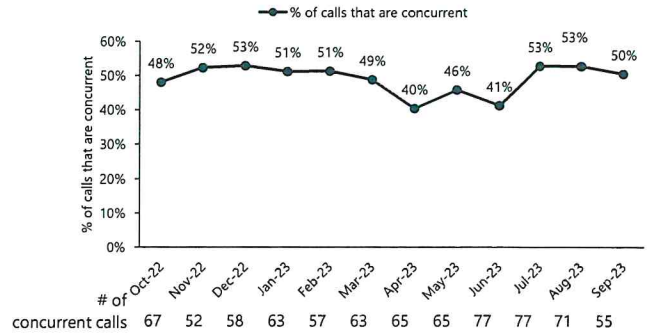
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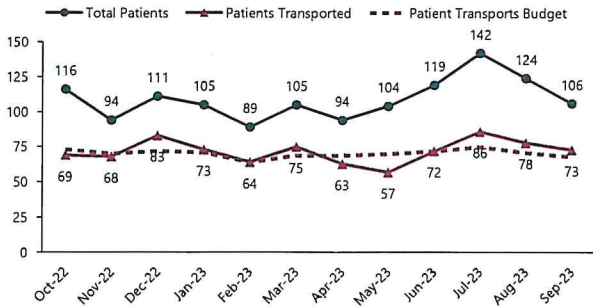
Concurrent Calls, YTD



Concurrent Calls



Patients and Transports



Days Cash on Hand



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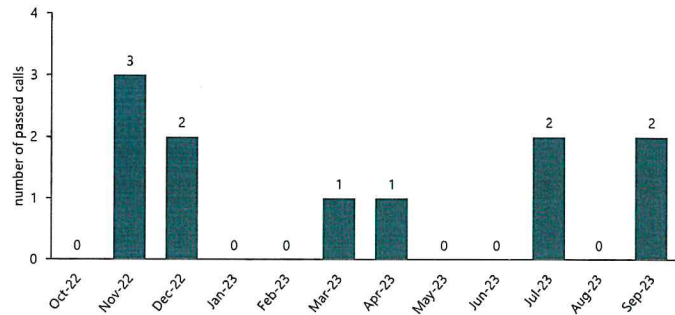
Turnout Time - Dispatch to Enroute

10/1/2022 to 9/30/2023

Apparatus	Responses	Turnout Time
M931(HD2)	601	4:55
M932 (HD2)	0	
M991 (HD2)	303	1:59
<i>HD2 Overall</i>	<i>904</i>	<i>3:56</i>

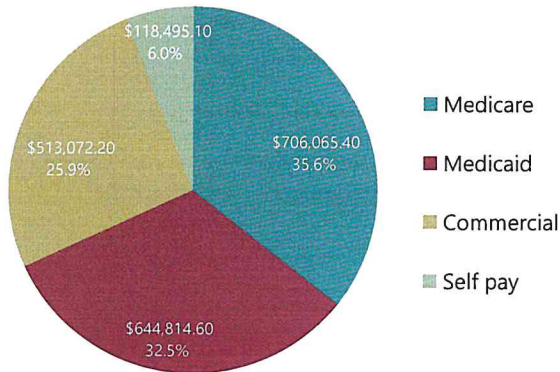
Passed Calls

■ Number of passed calls



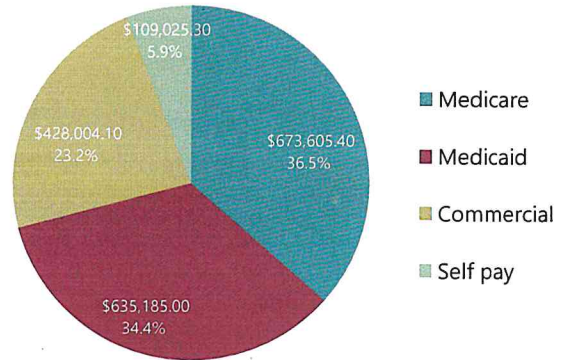
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7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023



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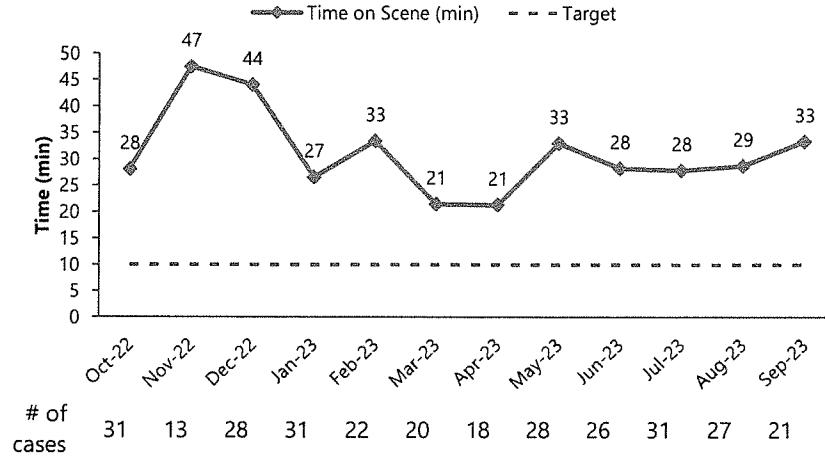
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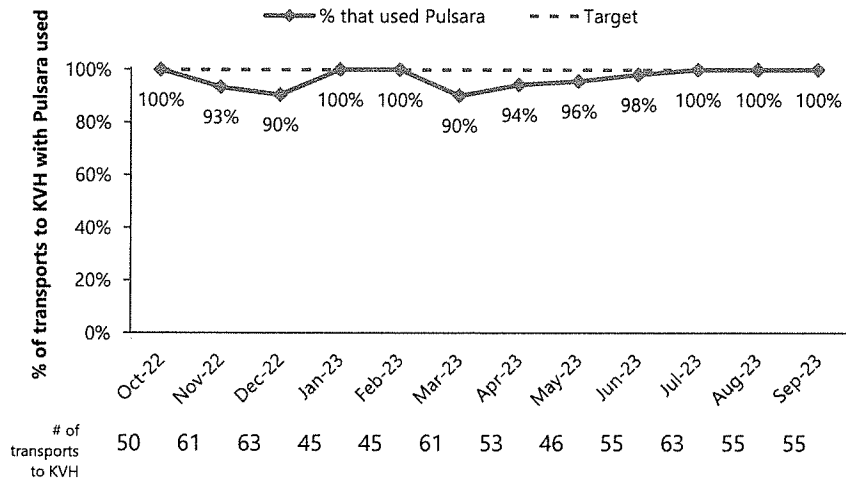
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Quality Metrics

Time on Scene ↓ for trauma patients



Pulsara Used ↑ for patients transported to KVH





SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Julie Petersen

October 2023

Attached Documents

I have attached a copy of the Washington State Hospital Association's media release regarding the ongoing financial struggles that our hospitals are facing. After eighteen months of aggregated losses, the message is that this is not a sustainable situation.

Also attached to this report, is an accumulation of legal fees paid, to date, in our effort to receive a satisfactory resolution to our concerns about the impact that 47 Degrees North will have on both Hospital Districts.

IAFF 4880 – Proposed Wage Opener/Contract Extension

We meet Saturday, October 14 to discuss the wage opener. We will bring a proposal for the Board's consideration if we are able to reach an agreement with the Union.

WSHA Q1/Q2 – 2023 Financial Survey Talking Points

Embargoed until 10:00 a.m., October 11, 2023

WSHA surveyed all acute care hospitals in Washington for their calendar year financial results during the first 6 months of 2022 compared to the first six months of 2023.

The survey included all operations along with details on their employee wages/benefits, temporary labor expenses, and any funding for Covid relief.

*This survey represents about 93% of acute care hospital beds across the state. Hospitals included in the survey employ more than 113,000 people. Hospitals also work with thousands of independent physicians. **Hospitals are critical community infrastructure.** Washingtonians rely on hospitals to be there to care for heart attacks, strokes, trauma, appendicitis, cancer, and other emergency and acute needs. The hospital is the only place for these services. Access to this specialized care is threatened by unsustainable financial losses.*

Our state spends significantly less for health care than other states. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Washington State is 40th for spending on health care per capita. We also have 32% fewer hospital admissions than the US average.

Hospitals in our state have historically had low margins compared to other parts of the country. We are continuing to see major losses from basic hospital operations. What we mean by basic hospital operations is the care hospitals provide to patients day in and day out.

These losses are unsustainable. Over time they will result in hospitals reducing high cost or non-profitable services simply so they can keep the doors open.

We are already seeing important services get cut and one hospital has closed since our last briefing on the financial challenges of hospitals.

Key Financial Survey Findings & Topline Messages:

- In 2022, operating losses were \$2.1 billion. In the first half of 2023, the pace of losses slowed, which is good, but they remained significant, which is challenging, particularly when layered on last year's losses.
- **The total operating losses were nearly \$750 million.** This represents a **-4.6% operating margin**, which is better than last year's **-8% margin**, however it remains unsustainable.
- **Only 12 hospitals or health systems had a positive operating margin**, and these are rural critical access hospitals.
- Several factors contributed to the lessening of the total losses, including cuts in services, reductions in the use of traveler/temporary staff, increased revenue primarily due to more patients receiving care such as surgeries, and improvement in investment income.
- **When non-operating revenue is included, statewide total losses dropped to -\$159 million or a -1% margin.** Non-operating revenue includes investment income and some funds that supported the covid response, including FEMA funding.
- Not having a major covid surge so far in 2023 also contributed to the increases in revenue for hospitals. In 2022, we saw reductions in surgeries and delayed care as staff resources were moved to Covid care or staff were out due to Covid.
- Reductions in reliance on high-cost staffing agencies also helped reduce losses. However, staffing remains a significant concern in our state.
- We are grateful to the Washington State legislature for passing the Hospital Safety Net Assessment. The program provides a major increase in Medicaid payments. But the increases

aren't in effect yet. If approved by the federal government, hospitals should start seeing payments in April of 2024.

- However, these increases do not make up for the losses experienced over the last few years and there will still be a gap between the cost of caring for Medicaid enrollees and Medicaid payments. Medicare and private health insurance will also need to increase payments to cover higher hospital costs.
- Hospitals are continuing to rely on income from investments, spending of already depleted reserves, or cutting services and staff to make up the difference.
- **17 hospitals have less than three months of operating costs held in reserve.** According to bond rating agencies, in order to have a good financial rating, hospitals should have 200 days (about 6 ½ months) of cash in savings.
- Without a positive margin and the ability to build reserves, hospitals struggle to:
 - Keep inpatient beds open – an already limited resource in Washington state, which has the fifth-lowest number of inpatient beds per capita in the country.
 - Increase wages to recruit and retain staff.
 - Reinvest in equipment, facilities or new services needed by the community. This could be as basic as a new roof or an updated heating system.
 - Maintain critical community health services that do not generate revenue and are not core to the acute hospital care mission.
 - Pay principal on debt.
- **Ongoing large financial losses will result in less access to health care for patients.** A current example is the loss of OB services in multiple communities in our state, and other OB programs considering closure.
- Ultimately, continuation of these losses threatens hospitals with bankruptcy/closure, which is devastating for a community.

Cost drivers for hospitals include:

- Rapidly increasing costs for staff. You have seen media coverage of significant raises for hospital staff. Hospitals increased employee compensation by an average of 8% per employee.
- While the cost of agency staff has declined by \$300 million, hospitals increased wages and benefits to employees by \$700 million over the first six months in 2023. This will be \$1.4 billion over the year, with many contracts still in negotiation.
- Generous leave laws that have staff calling out and needing to be covered, often at the last minute, also contribute to staffing costs.
- Hospitals are also affected by the high inflation we are all experiencing. Drug, energy and supply costs are increasing faster than payment rates. Hospitals have seen costs for these goods increase by nearly 10%.
- More complex patients whose care costs are much higher than reimbursement are also an important cost driver.
- Hospitals continue to serve a large and increasing number of patients ready for discharge who are not able to secure placement in nursing homes, adult family homes, or other post-acute care facilities. Hospitals get paid very little or nothing to care for these patients once their acute care issue is resolved. Additionally, hospitals lose revenue from patients whose care is delayed because the beds are full.
- Hospital reimbursement for services is locked into fixed government fee schedules and contracts with insurance companies; they can't just raise prices like a restaurant or hotel might.

- Between 60 and 80 percent of hospital patients are insured by government programs – Medicare and Medicaid. These programs significantly underpay hospitals compared to what it costs to provide services.

Our Ask:

We need the legislature and state agencies to continue to partner with us and:

- Continue to work on solutions for difficult to discharge/complex patients. We applaud the investments that were made to increase rates for long-term care. These need to go into effect soon and with minimal bureaucracy.
- Support implementation of the new hospital staffing law that allows innovations in care delivery and recruitment and retention of staff.
- Not cut hospital payments and consider potential investments in services like rural OB.
- Not impose legislative mandates that would add more cost to hospital operations that threaten access to services.
- Support hospitals' ability to find creative solutions to maintain access to services, including partnerships and affiliations with other organizations.
- Shore up other critical pieces of the safety net outside of the hospital, including alternative placements for people who do not need ER care but need some care. This could be things like mental health and substance use disorder services.

Washington State Acute Care Hospitals Income Statement
January 1- June 30, 2023 and 2022

Financial Metric	January- June 2023	January - June 2022	% Change Prior Year
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 16,137,851,378	\$ 14,768,515,441	9%
Employee Wages & Benefit Costs	\$ 8,912,219,132	\$ 8,268,977,212	8%
Agency Traveler Costs	\$ 716,878,786	\$ 1,015,768,865	-29%
Supplies, Drugs, Purchased Services, Depreciation, and Other Expenses	\$ 7,255,420,066	\$ 6,644,992,541	9%
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 16,884,517,984	\$ 15,929,738,618	6%
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (746,666,606)	\$ (1,161,223,177)	-36%
Operating Margin	-5%	-8%	
Net Non-Operating Revenue (Losses)	\$ 424,478,303	\$ (828,096,440)	-151%
COVID Relief (Income Statement)	\$ 163,068,870	\$ 185,236,395	-12%
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (159,119,433)	\$ (1,804,083,222)	-91%
Net Margin (with COVID Relief)	-1%	-12%	

Standard and Poor's: For a healthy bond-rating, hospitals' operating margins should be 4-5%. For an excellent bond rating, a margin of at least 6% is recommended.

Invoice Date	Invoice #	Total Invoice Amount	James Carmody only
1/31/2023	61183	2,100.00	1,612.50
3/31/2023	61687	562.50	562.50
3/31/2023	61637	675.00	675.00
4/30/2023	61825	562.50	562.50
4/30/2023	61847	2,450.00	2,450.00
5/31/2023	62049	750.00	750.00
6/30/2023	62268	4,000.00	4,000.00
7/31/2023	62480	112.50	112.50
7/31/2023	62479	562.50	562.50
8/31/2023	62689	3,750.00	3,750.00
TOTAL		15,525.00	15,037.50

Ancillary Services report to HD 2 Board of Commissioners
October 2023

Ancillary Services Operations Report:

47 Degrees North

The City of Cle Elum published a timeline for the review of 47 Degrees North. It is included in your packet. Jamie Carmody has been in discussions with Davis, Wright, Tremaine regarding the attempts made by KVH and Hospital District 2 to explain to Sun Communities leadership the impact of the project on our services. Jamie will be reaching out to City staff regarding our concerns not being addressed, in hopes that this will have an impact on the staff report that is due in December.

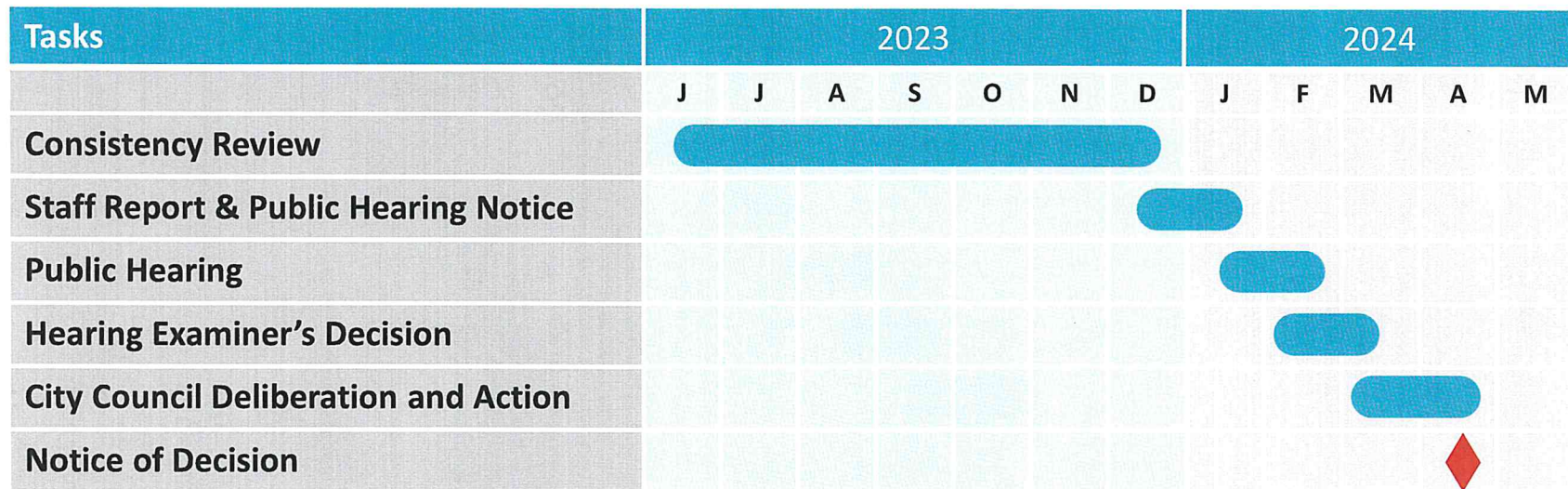
Ground Ambulance Patient Billing

The Washington State OIC has completed the Ground Ambulance Balance Billing Report for the Washington State Legislature. The Executive Summary is included in your packet and the full report can be reviewed at the following link: [OIC report template \(wa.gov\)](#). The federal Ground Ambulance Patient Billing committee is continuing to meet weekly.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Holden, MSN, CENP

47 N PROJECT REVIEW TIMELINE

Timeline is subject to change



Updated 9/19/2023

Ground ambulance balance billing study

Executive summary

Key Takeaways:

- Consumers' average potential ground ambulance balance bill is more than \$500 for emergency services and \$1,000 for non-emergency services. This is the only emergency service for which consumers are at risk of balance billing.
- Public and private ground ambulance providers partner to provide care. Public providers respond to emergency 911 dispatches and private providers often provide transport.
- Ground ambulance providers contend that balance billing is used to cover some of the disparities between cost and payment for Apple Health and Medicare patients and for services that are not reimbursed.

Types of ground ambulance providers in Washington state

Private Providers: Privately owned ambulance agencies. Their primary duty is providing emergency and interfacility transports.

Public Providers: Publicly owned agencies. Their primary duty is to respond to 911 dispatches. They may also provide emergency transports and limited interfacility transports.

There are 478 licensed ambulance agencies in Washington state: 404 are public, 68 are private, and 6 are Tribal. There is a massive variance in their size and structure, which has a direct impact on their capacity to contract with, and appropriately bill, commercial health plans.

Key services provided by EMS agencies

- **Dispatch:** Dispatching aid or ambulance services to respond to emergency (911) or non-emergency calls.
- **Assess:** An on-site assessment of a patient's health condition by trained personnel.
- **Treat & refer to services:** A patient is treated on-site and referred to secondary sites for additional care (physician care, behavioral health treatment, etc.).
- **Transport to emergency department:** Only licensed or verified ambulance services staffed by certified EMS providers can provide this transport.
- **Transport to alternative sites:** EMS services can transport patients to alternative sites directly from an emergency scene, or an interfacility transport for patients can be scheduled in advance.

Current funding structure for EMS agencies

EMS providers rely on a variety of funding sources:

1. **Third-party payors — commercial health insurance, Medicare, and Apple Health:**
 - *Medicare:* Fixed rate set by the federal Medicare program.
 - *Apple Health (Medicaid):* Fixed rate set by the Health Care Authority; supplemented through the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) Program for public providers and Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) Program for private providers.
 - *Commercial:* A more reliable funding source for EMS providers, though it represents a relatively small percentage of consumers receiving these services.
2. **Levy funding:** Per [RCW 84.52.069](#), local governments can impose a property tax levy of no more than 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for emergency services. The funding can only support publicly operated EMS providers.
 - *1% limitation:* All levies are subject to a 1% limit. The levy revenue cannot increase more than 1% annually.
3. **Utility:** [RCW 35.21.766](#) allows local governments to create a fee structure to fund ambulance transport services.
4. **Local government general funds:** [RCW 35.27.370](#) and [RCW 36.32.480](#) authorize cities to use public funds to share ambulance services between municipalities.

Key issues to address to eliminate balance billing

- ❖ Perceived underpayment by Apple Health and Medicare fixed rates.
- ❖ Levy and utility payments are not sufficient to cover the full cost of ambulance services.
- ❖ Consideration of current services that are not compensated (e.g., treat, but no transport).

Policy recommendations

Prohibit balance billing of consumers

- Apply to emergency and non-emergency transports
- Apply to public and private providers

The study advisory group members agreed with this recommendation. Several members also linked this to the recommendation below regarding ground ambulance rates. The burden of ground ambulance costs should not be placed on consumers enrolled in commercial health plans. The comments on this policy option focused mainly on finding alternative revenue sources for ground ambulance providers to maintain the viability of their operations. There was also concern that by banning balance billing, the cost of services could be shifted elsewhere, such as increased premiums or cost-sharing.

Reimburse ground ambulance services at a local jurisdiction's fixed rate or, if no local rate exists, at the lesser of a fixed percentage of Medicare or billed charges

- Apply to emergency transports

- Apply to public and private providers

Adopted by Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas, this is one of the most prevalent approaches to setting ground ambulance service rates. Reimbursement is set at the applicable local jurisdiction's fixed rate or, if no local rate has been set, then at the lesser of a fixed percentage of what Medicare would pay for the service or billed charges.

This specific solution drew moderate support from the advisory group but was directly tied to two other related policy options that received high rankings. OIC's Washington State All Payer Claims Database analysis showed substantial disparity between billed charges and allowed amounts of public versus private ground ambulance providers. This is likely because public providers base their billed charges on locally set rates and have access to public funding to support their services. Given the complexity of this policy recommendation some important considerations include:

- Allowed amounts as a percentage of Medicare for BLS emergency transports (A0429), the most commonly billed CPT code, ranged from 172% to 327% of Medicare. For the second most common code, ALS emergency transport level 1 (A0427), the range was 186% to 340%. It is recommended that the fixed percentage of Medicare fall between the ranges for these codes and be set in statute by the legislature, accompanied by the review mechanism detailed below.
- The fixed percentage of Medicare should be applied only to claims for emergency services. Given the variability in billed charges and the allowed amounts as a percentage of Medicare for non-emergency services (from 350% to over 600% of Medicare, due in part to a smaller number of paid claims), setting a fixed percentage may be premature. If legislation does not set a fixed rate for these services, further study can be undertaken for a report to the legislature in 2026.
- A review mechanism should be established to assess the appropriate percentage of Medicare rate at regular intervals. This feature drew strong support. The OIC would conduct the review, which would take place in 2027 for the 2028 legislature's consideration or if Medicare makes a substantial update to their ground ambulance reimbursement rates, whichever occurs earlier.
- An additional review mechanism should be established to assess whether local jurisdiction's ground ambulance rates are reasonable and fair. Consumer advocates made this recommendation per the suggestion of Loren Adler, who is a member of the [federal GAPB advisory committee](#). The OIC would conduct the review, which would take place in 2027 for the 2028 legislature's consideration. It would take place in conjunction with the review of the appropriateness of the percentage of Medicare rate.

Mandate coverage for emergency transportation to alternative sites

- Apply to emergency transports
- Apply to both public and private providers
- Alternative sites are behavioral health emergency services providers, including crisis stabilization facilities, evaluation and treatment facilities, medical withdrawal management facilities and other crisis providers as defined in [RCW 48.43.005](#).

In 2022, the legislature expanded required coverage of emergency services by commercial health plans to include behavioral health crisis services. This expansion reflected the understanding that a hospital emergency room often is not the most appropriate place for someone experiencing a behavioral health crisis. More appropriate care could be provided by a dedicated behavioral health

crisis service provider. To fully effectuate the intent of the law, commercial health plans also should cover emergency ground ambulance transport to these facilities.

Key findings

These findings were identified as important issues by various advisory group members and are included as findings that merit further review and study.

Uncompensated ground ambulance services

- Treat, but no transport: Emergency responses that do not result in a patient being transported to an emergency department of a hospital.

As repeatedly stated by all interested parties, when someone calls 911 it should be a *free call*. If treat but no transport services are covered by commercial health plans, there is a question as to whether the service should be provided without being subject to a consumer's deductible or other cost-sharing. Requiring cost-sharing could disincentivize consumers from calling 911.

Coverage of treat but no transport services could potentially result in fewer transports to hospital emergency departments, saving health carriers the expense of an emergency room visit. Given these uncertain impacts, OIC should contract for an actuarial analysis of the cost and cost offsets of covering treat but no transport services and submit its findings to the 2026 Legislature.

Maintain public funding for public and private providers for Apple Health (Medicaid) ground ambulance services

- Maintain Apple Health (Medicaid) GEMT program funding
- Maintain Apple Health (Medicaid) QAF program funding

These programs were identified as essential funding that helps to cover the cost of care and transportation for Apple Health (Medicaid) patients. Ground ambulance providers rely on this funding to reduce or alleviate the disparity between Apple Health (Medicaid) payments and the cost of services. Both programs have recently been extended or renewed.

Future study of EMS as an essential health service provided by local and state governments and funded by federal, state, and/or local funds

- Strongly supported by advisory group members, including DOH who administers the EMS system in Washington
- Outside the scope of this study

Advisory group members agreed that given the number and complexity of EMS agencies in Washington state and the critical role that they play, a comprehensive study of the entire EMS system should be undertaken. The last such review was completed in 2010 when the Statewide Trauma Care System ([Chapter 70.168](#)) law was updated to include the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for cardiac and stroke care. It is strongly recommended that this study be conducted with the specific goal of assessing whether the EMS systems in Washington should be considered and funded as an essential public health service, similar to fire and police responses.

Kittitas County Hospital Dist 2
Statement of Revenue and Expense

	74	68	6	642	629	13	642
MEDICAL BILLABLE RUNS							
AVERAGE CHARGE PER RUN	2,317	2,262	55	2,427	2,226	201	2,300
	Current Month			Year to Date			Prior
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD
INTEREST INCOME	14,616	7,350	7,266	143,138	66,150	76,988	(24,859)
RENTAL INCOME	23,117	25,709	(2,592)	208,052	231,376	(23,324)	227,378
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	0	8,675	(8,675)	109,874	78,075	31,799	17,179
AMBULANCE REVENUE	171,481	153,849	17,632	1,558,111	1,400,023	158,088	1,476,747
TOTAL REVENUE	209,214	195,583	13,631	2,019,175	1,775,624	243,551	1,696,444
CONTRACTUAL ADJUSTMENTS	64,648	85,945	(21,297)	539,094	782,101	(243,007)	506,204
GEMT PROGRAM CHANGE 2023	20,000	0	20,000	180,000	0	180,000	0
BAD DEBT	5,294	11,077	(5,783)	85,269	100,803	(15,534)	86,963
CHARITY CARE	290	1,872	(1,582)	1,179	16,846	(15,667)	1,476
DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE	90,232	98,894	(8,662)	805,541	899,750	(94,209)	594,643
NET OPERATING REVENUE	118,982	96,689	22,293	1,213,633	875,874	337,759	1,101,801
SALARIES AND WAGES	118,636	120,268	(1,632)	1,013,323	1,094,405	(81,082)	971,478
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	37,906	36,259	1,647	327,418	327,957	(539)	296,239
PROFESSIONAL FEES	1,875	1,917	(42)	32,482	17,249	15,233	14,416
SUPPLIES	9,548	9,770	(222)	108,640	88,398	20,242	100,807
UTILITIES	3,469	4,164	(695)	36,634	37,479	(845)	36,800
PURCHASED SERVICES	33,648	27,251	6,397	278,198	251,247	26,951	218,479
CEUCC SUBSIDY EXPENSE	16,578	16,578	0	149,205	149,206	(1)	146,279
DEPRECIATION	45,133	44,550	583	412,240	400,941	11,299	323,215
INSURANCE	3,170	3,125	45	28,710	28,119	591	26,781
LICENSES AND TAXES	1,217	927	290	7,377	8,351	(974)	10,738
INTEREST EXPENSE	9,211	9,211	0	82,899	82,899	0	89,842
TRAVEL AND EDUCATION	0	463	(463)	4,079	4,173	(94)	7,309
OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	106	988	(882)	8,779	8,901	(122)	8,902
EXPENSES	280,499	275,471	5,028	2,489,981	2,499,325	(9,344)	2,251,287
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(161,516)	(178,782)	17,266	(1,276,348)	(1,623,451)	347,103	(1,149,485)
TAX LEVY INCOME	151,144	148,578	2,566	1,354,611	1,337,200	17,411	1,241,107
GAIN LOSS ASSET DISPOSITION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NON OPERATING OTHER INCOME OR EXPENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	859
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV OR EXP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NON-OPERATING BOND ISSUE COST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(10,372)	(30,204)	19,832	78,263	(286,251)	364,514	92,480
DAYS CASH ON HAND	277.0						
AR DAYS	88.6						
CURRENT RATIO	8.13						

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RENTAL INCOME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	0	8,675	(8,675)	84,466	78,075	6,391	17,179
AMBULANCE REVENUE	171,481	153,849	17,632	1,558,111	1,400,023	158,088	1,476,747
TOTAL REVENUE	171,481	162,524	8,957	1,642,577	1,478,098	164,479	1,493,925
CONTRACTUAL ADJUSTMENTS	64,648	85,945	(21,297)	539,094	782,101	(243,007)	506,204
GEMT PROGRAM CHANGE 2023	20,000	0	20,000	180,000	0	180,000	0
BAD DEBT	5,294	11,077	(5,783)	85,269	100,803	(15,534)	86,963
CHARITY CARE	290	1,872	(1,582)	1,179	16,846	(15,667)	1,476
DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE	90,232	98,894	(8,662)	805,541	899,750	(94,209)	594,643
NET OPERATING REVENUE	81,249	63,630	17,619	837,036	578,348	258,688	899,282
SALARIES AND WAGES	118,636	119,955	(1,319)	1,012,043	1,091,589	(79,546)	968,662
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	37,906	36,235	1,671	327,321	327,742	(421)	295,739
PROFESSIONAL FEES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	9,548	9,770	(222)	108,640	88,398	20,242	86,259
UTILITIES	2,980	3,572	(593)	31,932	32,150	(218)	31,471
PURCHASED SERVICES	18,128	15,117	3,011	142,316	136,044	6,272	104,689
CEUCC SUBSIDY EXPENSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEPRECIATION	14,497	12,883	1,614	131,659	115,942	15,717	77,694
INSURANCE	867	929	(62)	7,802	8,363	(561)	7,964
LICENSES AND TAXES	1,217	800	417	7,352	7,200	152	9,933
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL AND EDUCATION	0	463	(463)	4,079	4,173	(94)	7,274
OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	0	95	(95)	1,353	860	493	860
EXPENSES	203,780	199,819	3,961	1,774,495	1,812,461	(37,966)	1,590,544
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(122,531)	(136,189)	13,658	(937,459)	(1,234,113)	296,654	(691,262)
TAX LEVY INCOME	73,026	70,984	2,042	653,920	638,857	15,063	597,405
GAIN LOSS ASSET DISPOSITION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NON OPERATING OTHER INCOME OR EXPENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV OR EXP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NON-OPERATING BOND ISSUE COST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(49,505)	(65,205)	15,700	(283,539)	(595,256)	311,717	(93,857)

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	Current Month			Year to Date			Prior
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD
INTEREST INCOME	14,616	7,350	7,266	143,138	66,150	76,988	(24,859)
RENTAL INCOME	23,117	25,709	(2,592)	208,052	231,376	(23,324)	227,378
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	0	0	0	25,408	0	25,408	0
AMBULANCE REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	37,733	33,059	4,674	376,597	297,526	79,071	202,519
CONTRACTUAL ADJUSTMENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GEMT PROGRAM CHANGE 2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BAD DEBT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHARITY CARE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET OPERATING REVENUE	37,733	33,059	4,674	376,597	297,526	79,071	202,519
SALARIES AND WAGES	0	313	(313)	1,280	2,816	(1,536)	2,816
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	0	24	(24)	98	215	(117)	501
PROFESSIONAL FEES	1,875	1,917	(42)	32,482	17,249	15,233	14,416
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,549
UTILITIES	489	592	(103)	4,702	5,329	(627)	5,329
PURCHASED SERVICES	15,520	12,134	3,386	135,882	115,203	20,679	113,790
CEUCC SUBSIDY EXPENSE	16,578	16,578	0	149,205	149,206	(1)	146,279
DEPRECIATION	30,636	31,667	(1,031)	280,581	284,999	(4,418)	245,522
INSURANCE	2,303	2,196	107	20,908	19,756	1,152	18,817
LICENSES AND TAXES	0	127	(127)	25	1,151	(1,126)	805
INTEREST EXPENSE	9,211	9,211	0	82,899	82,899	0	89,842
TRAVEL AND EDUCATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	106	893	(787)	7,426	8,041	(615)	8,042
EXPENSES	76,719	75,652	1,067	715,486	686,864	28,622	660,742
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(38,985)	(42,593)	3,608	(338,889)	(389,338)	50,449	(458,224)
TAX LEVY INCOME	78,118	77,594	524	700,691	698,343	2,348	643,702
GAIN LOSS ASSET DISPOSITION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NON OPERATING OTHER INCOME OR EXPENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	859
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV OR EXP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NON-OPERATING BOND ISSUE COST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NET INCOME (LOSS)	39,133	35,001	4,132	361,802	309,005	52,797	186,337
DAYS CASH ON HAND	277.0						
AR DAYS	88.6						
CURRENT RATIO	8.13						

Kittitas County Hospital Dist 2

Balance Sheet

	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Prior Year End</u>	<u>Change</u>
CASH	455,585	1,007,564	(551,979)
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	136,846	310,534	(173,688)
TAXES RECEIVABLE	745,147	39,232	705,915
RIGHT OF USE RECEIVABLE	2,575,513	2,728,050	(152,537)
PREPAIDS	26,978	15,868	11,109
INVESTMENTS	1,687,560	2,251,901	(564,341)
CURRENT ASSETS	5,627,628	6,353,149	(725,521)
LAND	2,044,327	843,524	1,200,803
PROPERTY, PLANT, & EQUIPMENT	10,682,745	10,657,272	25,473
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(4,644,601)	(4,232,361)	(412,240)
NON CURRENT ASSETS	8,082,471	7,268,435	814,036
NET PENSION ASSET	766,580	766,580	0
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	421,822	421,822	0
ASSETS	14,898,501	14,809,986	88,515
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	57,038	91,129	(34,091)
INTEREST PAYABLE	35,814	9,417	26,397
ACCRUED PAYROLL	25,148	36,710	(11,562)
ACCRUED BENEFITS	91,225	112,650	(21,424)
CEUCC SUBSIDY PAYABLE	149,205	195,039	(45,834)
DEFERRED OTHER	24,709	25,709	(1,000)
CURRENT PORTION REVENUE BOND - LTGO	308,678	308,678	0
CURRENT LIABILITIES	691,818	779,332	(87,514)
LONG TERM REVENUE BOND - LTGO	2,861,911	3,014,950	(153,038)
NET PENSION LIABILITY	19,797	19,797	0
DEFERRED INFLOWS - PENSION	691,914	691,914	0
DEFERRED INFLOW RIGHT OF USE	2,454,971	2,654,023	(199,052)
DEFERRED INFLOWS - LEVY	449,856	0	449,856
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	6,478,450	6,380,684	97,766
LIABILITIES	7,170,267	7,160,015	10,252
NET INCOME (LOSS)	78,263	0	78,263
UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	7,649,971	7,649,971	0
FUND BALANCE	7,728,234	7,649,971	78,263
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	14,898,501	14,809,986	88,515

Kittitas County Hospital Dist 2

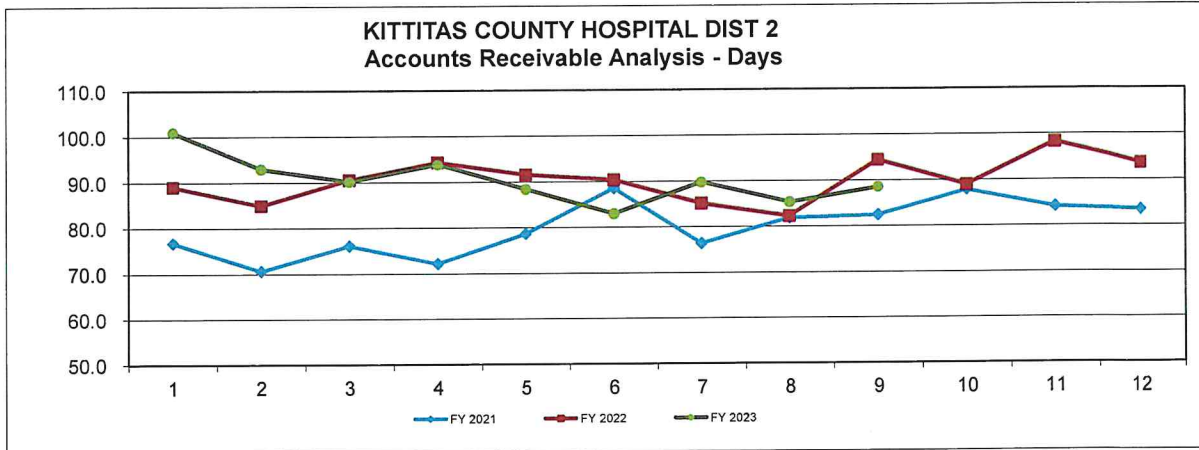
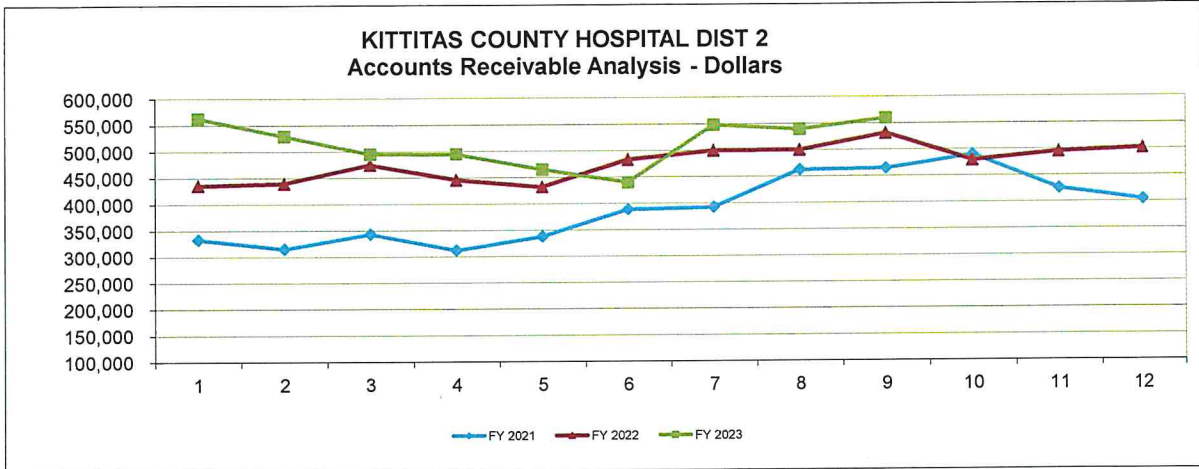
Statement of Cash Flows

	<u>CASH</u>
NET BOOK INCOME	78,263
ADD BACK NON-CASH EXPENSE	
DEPRECIATION	412,240
NET CASH FROM OPERATIONS	490,502
CHANGE IN CURRENT ASSETS	
PATIENT ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	173,688
PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	(705,915)
RIGHT OF USE RECEIVABLE	152,537
PREPAID EXPENSE	(11,109)
TOTAL CHANGE IN CURRENT ASSETS	(390,799)
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	(1,226,275)
NET PENSION ASSET	0
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	0
CHANGE IN INVESTMENTS	564,341
PROCEEDS FROM SALE/MATURITY OF INVESTMENTS	
TOTAL CHANGE IN ASSETS	(1,052,734)
CHANGES IN CURRENT LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	(34,091)
INTEREST PAYABLE	26,397
ACCRUED PAYROLL	(11,562)
ACCRUED BENEFITS	(21,424)
CEUCC SUBSIDY PAYABLE	(45,834)
DEFERRED OTHER	(1,000)
TOTAL CHANGE CURRENT LIABILITIES	(87,514)
PRINCIPLE PAYMENT ON REVENUE BOND	(153,038)
NET PENSION LIABILITY	0
DEFERRED INFLOWS PENSION AND LEVY	449,856
DEFERRED INFLOW RIGHT OF USE	(199,052)
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(551,979)
BEGINNING CASH ON HAND	1,007,564
ENDING CASH ON HAND	455,585



KITTITAS COUNTY HOSPITAL DIST 2
Accounts Receivable Analysis

	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23	May-23	Apr-23	Mar-23	Feb-23	Jan-23	Dec-22	Nov-22	Oct-22
SYS DESIGN EMS												
A/R Dollars	559,771	539,502	547,857	439,719	464,456	494,771	495,226	529,329	562,853	502,991	496,457	480,632
A/R Days	88.6	85.3	89.8	82.9	88.4	93.9	90.2	92.9	100.9	93.7	98.4	89.1





KITTITAS COUNTY HOSPITAL DIST 2

BOARD MEETING September 2023 ACTIVITY

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS/ EFTS TO BE APPROVED

CHECK DATE:

# 1 WARRANT NUMBERS: (VOID)	13922	NET AMOUNT:	(543.91)	5-Sep-23
# 2 WARRANT NUMBERS: (VOID)	13949	NET AMOUNT:	(90.00)	22-Sep-23
# 1 WARRANT NUMBERS:	13995-14006	NET AMOUNT:	14,476.59	5-Sep-23
# 2 WARRANT NUMBERS:	14007-14019	NET AMOUNT:	67,694.90	12-Sep-23
# 3 WARRANT NUMBERS:	14020-14035	NET AMOUNT:	34,691.69	18-Sep-23
# 4 WARRANT NUMBERS:	14036-14049	NET AMOUNT:	12,143.57	25-Sep-23
			<u>128,372.84</u>	

PAYROLL WARRANTS / EFTS TO BE APPROVED

PPE 08/26/2023	NET AMOUNT:	39,964.27	1-Sep-23
PPE 09/09/2023	NET AMOUNT:	41,579.28	15-Sep-23
PPE 09/23/2023	NET AMOUNT:	37,934.56	29-Sep-23
		<u>119,478.11</u>	

TOTAL NET WARRANTS & EFT'S 247,850.95

Kittitas County Hospital District #2
 Detailed Statement of Accounts Payable Transactions
 Month of September 2023



Account Class	Check No	Vendor	Amount	
Balance Sheet	13922	AFLAC	(543.91)	
	13949	DENNIS MERSMAN	(90.00)	
	13999	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	3,994.03	
	14000	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	562.05	
	14006	AFLAC	543.91	
	14009	BROWN & BROWN OF WASHINGTON, INC.	110.36	
	14024	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	4,264.40	
	14025	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	480.44	
	14038	DENNIS MERSMAN	90.00	
	14040	DIMARTINO ASSOCIATES	110.36	
	Employee Benefits	13999	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	2,532.79
		14013	IAFF HEALTH & WELLNESS TRUST	58,984.44
		14019	VIMLY BENEFIT SOLUTIONS	2,700.00
		14024	DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	2,670.07
Professional Fees	14026	DINGUS ZARECOR & ASSOC PLLC	450.00	
	Supplies	13997	CARDINAL HEALTH 112, LLC	17.12
13997		CARDINAL HEALTH 112, LLC	4.96	
13997		CARDINAL HEALTH 112, LLC	27.31	
14002		KITTITAS VALLEY HEALTHCARE	2,066.86	
14003		LIFE ASSIST, INC.	622.40	
14003		LIFE ASSIST, INC.	10.65	
14003		LIFE ASSIST, INC.	122.07	
14003		LIFE ASSIST, INC.	1,268.65	
14007		AMAZON	97.87	
14010		CARDINAL HEALTH 112, LLC	49.67	
14010		CARDINAL HEALTH 112, LLC	45.60	
14010		CARDINAL HEALTH 112, LLC	295.38	
14014		IMS ALLIANCE	340.84	
14016		LIFE ASSIST, INC.	184.62	
14017		RACOM CORPORATION	3,511.05	
14022		AMERICAN PROFICIENCY INSTITUTE	991.00	
14027		GALLS, LLC	31.28	
14027		GALLS, LLC	102.72	
14027		GALLS, LLC	98.85	
14029		JAMES OIL CO., INC.	1,200.42	
14031	LIFE ASSIST, INC.	131.88		
14031	LIFE ASSIST, INC.	2,183.14		
14032	OXARC INC	290.73		
14032	OXARC INC	96.91		
14032	OXARC INC	177.84		
14034	STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	1,913.27		
14036	CARDINAL HEALTH 112, LLC	234.01		

Utilites

14043 JAMES OIL CO., INC.	1,116.78
14044 KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	200.00
14045 LIFE ASSIST, INC.	1,135.62
14045 LIFE ASSIST, INC.	1,001.12
14047 OXARC INC	158.05
14001 DISH NETWORK	182.58
14004 MCI	38.15
14008 AT & T MOBILITY	40.04
14008 AT & T MOBILITY	246.26
14011 CENTURYLINK	142.22
14015 KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	200.00
14018 VERIZON	317.90
14023 CITY OF CLE ELUM	132.76
14023 CITY OF CLE ELUM	429.51
14023 CITY OF CLE ELUM	116.68
14023 CITY OF CLE ELUM	424.12
14023 CITY OF CLE ELUM	116.68
14023 CITY OF CLE ELUM	559.07
14028 INLAND NETWORKS	205.41
14033 PUGET SOUND ENERGY	35.52
14041 DISH NETWORK	119.59
14046 MCI	38.15
14048 PUGET SOUND ENERGY	10.89
14048 PUGET SOUND ENERGY	753.14
14048 PUGET SOUND ENERGY	37.09
14048 PUGET SOUND ENERGY	13.44
13995 AIA/CORPORATE RECOGNITION, LLC	45.25
13995 AIA/CORPORATE RECOGNITION, LLC	538.65
13996 AIR EXCHANGE, INC.	1,180.45
13998 CITY OF CLE ELUM FIRE DEPARTMENT	200.00
14005 MICROSOFT	503.58
14005 MICROSOFT	15.13
14007 AMAZON	28.65
14012 CITY OF CLE ELUM FIRE DEPARTMENT	200.00
14012 CITY OF CLE ELUM FIRE DEPARTMENT	200.00
14020 AIA/CORPORATE RECOGNITION, LLC	201.00
14020 AIA/CORPORATE RECOGNITION, LLC	2,392.89
14021 AMAZON	211.08
14030 KITTITAS VALLEY HEALTHCARE	8,430.78
14030 KITTITAS VALLEY HEALTHCARE	4,558.43
14035 YAKIMA ADJUSTMENT SERVICE INC	1,794.81
14037 CITY OF CLE ELUM FIRE DEPARTMENT	200.00
14042 JACKSON HORSLEY	400.00
14044 KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	1,750.00
14044 KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	200.00
14044 KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	750.00
14044 KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	200.00
14044 KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7	200.00
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Purchased Services

Licenses & Taxes

14049 SYSTEMS DESIGN
14039 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE-EXCISE

2,108.01
1,117.32
128,372.84

KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT #2
 US BANCORP INVESTMENTS
 September 30, 2023

INVESTMENT TYPE	CUSIP	INVESTMENT DATE	MATURITY DATE	YTM %	MATURITY AMOUNT	INVESTMENT AMOUNT	MARKET VALUE	UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)
FHLB	3130ATWQ6	11/29/2022	11/17/2023	4.750%	1,000,000.00	998,815.00	998,424.91	(390.09)
FNMA	3135G06B4	7/27/2021	10/22/2025	0.570%	300,000.00	299,874.30	272,275.84	(27,598.46)
TOTAL					1,300,000.00	1,298,689.30	1,270,700.75	(27,988.55)

KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2

RESOLUTION 01-15-24-0**

Authorization of Levy Lid Lift for support of EMS Services

A RESOLUTION authorizing a levy lid lift funding initiative be placed on the *** date *** Kittitas County Ballot for support of EMS Services.

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, Kittitas County Public Hospital District No. 2 (the "District"), may levy regular property taxes in any calendar year in excess of the limit factor provided for in RCW 84.55.0101 when such levy has been authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on the proposition as a general or special election within the District; and

Whereas, the District has determined that it is essential and necessary for the public health and welfare that the District to raise additional funds to support emergency services throughout the District; and

Whereas, the District has determined that the current revenues available to the District are insufficient to provide for this purpose and has therefore determined that it is in the interests of the District and its resident to submit this levy lid lift proposition to the voters for their approval or rejection.

Section 1. The District finds that it is in the best interests of the District to submit to the qualified voters of the District, at a special election to be held in conjunction with the state primary election on *** date ***, a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property true levy for collection in 2024 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW for the exclusive purpose of funding emergency services, emergency equipment, supplies and staff. If this proposition is approved, the District will be authorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, an increased regular property true as described in Section 2.

Section 2. Description of Ballot Measure. To fulfill the exclusive purpose identified in Section 1 of this ordinance, the District seeks voter approval under RCW 84.55.050(1) for a levy lid lift. The proposed increase is estimated to result in an incremental increase in the regular property tax rate of \$.** per \$1,000 of assessed value for a total estimated levy rate of \$.** per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024. The dollar amount of the levy in 2024 shall be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies provided for under 84.55 RCW

Section 3. Ballot Proposition. The District hereby requests the Kittitas County Auditor, Washington (the "Auditor"), as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call and conduct a special election in conjunction with the primary election to be held on *** date *** to submit to the voters of the District such proposition in substantially the following form with such additions, deletions or modification as by be required by the Kittitas County Prosecutor.

Kittitas County Public

Hospital District No.2

Proposition 1

Levy Lid Lift for Emergency Medical Services

The District has adopted Resolution No. 01-15-24-0* concerning funding for emergency services. If approved, this proposition shall fund emergency medical services, emergency equipment, supplies and staff. This proposition authorizes a 2024 regular property tax rate increase of \$.***/\$1,000, for a total estimated levy rate of \$.**/\$1,000 assessed value. The 2024 levy amount shall be used to calculate subsequent levy limits. Should this proposition be:

- Approved?
- Rejected?

Section 4. Notices Relating to Ballot Proposition. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the District hereby designates: (a) Julie Petersen, District Superintendent (509-962-7301, jpetersen@kvhealthcare.org); and (b) legal counsel, Foster Garvey PLLC (Brad Berg, 206-447-8970, brad.berg@foster.com) as the individuals to whom such notice should be provided.

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Superintendent (or his/her designee) is authorized and directed, no later than *** date ***, to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Auditor and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described herein should appear on the ballot at the special election identified in Section 2 of this Resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by Kittitas County Public Hospital District No. 2 at an open, public meeting thereof held this 18th January, 2024, the following Commissioners being present and voting in favor of this resolution.

Floyd Rogalski, President

Fred Benjamin, Commissioner

Hartwig Vatheuer, Vice President/Secretary

Ingrid Vimont, Commissioner

Carrie Youngblood, Commissioner

KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2

RESOLUTION 01-15-24-0*

Authorization of Levy Lid Lift for support of Health Care Services

A RESOLUTION authorizing a levy lid lift funding initiative be placed on the *** date *** Kittitas County Ballot for support of Health Care Services.

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, Kittitas County Public Hospital District No. 2 (the "District"), may levy regular property taxes in any calendar year in excess of the limit factor provided for in RCW 84.55.0101 when such levy has been authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on the proposition as a general or special election within the District; and

Whereas, the District has determined that it is essential and necessary for the public health and welfare that the District to raise additional funds to support healthcare services throughout the District; and

Whereas, the District has determined that the current revenues available to the District are insufficient to provide for this purpose and has therefore determined that it is in the interests of the District and its resident to submit this levy lid lift proposition to the voters for their approval or rejection.

Section 1. The District finds that it is in the best interests of the District to submit to the qualified voters of the District, at a special election to be held in conjunction with the state general election on *** date ***, a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property true levy for collection in 2024 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW for the exclusive purpose of funding primary care services, specialty care services, urgent care services, emergency medical services and rehabilitation services. If this proposition is approved, the District will be authorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, an increased regular property true as described in Section 2.

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Kittitas County Public

Hospital District No.2

Proposition 2

Levy Lid Lift for Health Care Services

The District has adopted Resolution No. 01-15-24-0* concerning funding for healthcare services. If approved, this proposition shall fund primary care services, specialty care services, urgent care services, emergency medical services and rehabilitation services. This proposition authorizes a 2024 regular property tax rate increase of \$.***/\$1,000, for a total estimated levy rate of \$.**/\$1,000 assessed value. The 2024 levy amount shall be used to calculate subsequent levy limits. Should this proposition be:

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ADOPTED AND APPROVED by Kittitas County Public Hospital District No. 2 at an open, public meeting thereof held this 15th January, 2024, the following Commissioners being present and voting in favor of this resolution.

Floyd Rogalski, President

Fred Benjamin, Commissioner

Hartwig Vatheuer, Vice President/Secretary

Ingrid Vimont, Commissioner

Carrie Youngblood, Commissioner

Flu Vaccine 101

Contact your KVH provider or local pharmacy today for your flu shot

Are Flu Vaccines Safe?

- Flu vaccines have a good safety record. Hundreds of millions of Americans have safely received flu vaccines over the past 50 years, and there has been extensive research supporting the safety of flu vaccines.
- A flu vaccine is the first and best way to reduce your chances of getting the flu and spreading it to others. CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older receive a flu vaccine every year.

Can I get the flu from the flu vaccine?

- NO, the flu vaccine cannot cause flu.

Do flu vaccines cause any side effects?

Like any medical product, vaccines can cause side effects. Side effects of the flu vaccine are generally mild and go away on their own within a few days.

Common side effects from the flu shot include:

- Soreness, redness, and/or swelling from the shot
- Headache
- Fever
- Nausea
- Muscle aches

Who should get a flu vaccine?

- CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older, including pregnant women, should receive an annual flu vaccination with rare exceptions

Individuals should talk with their doctor before getting the flu shot if they:

- Have had a severe allergy to eggs or any of the ingredients in the vaccine.
- Have had Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS)
- Are not feeling well.

*Ambulance services only get paid when patients are transported.

Sept 13-20	Billable	Non-Billable*
Ambulance: Home Responses	5	6
Ambulance: Injury/Accidents	6	4
Ambulance: Other	2	1

Answering Every Call

Medic One: Upper County



Transparency and Trust

Finances through August 2023

YTD Expenses \$ 1,571,716
 YTD Revenue \$ 1,471,096

 Operating Gain (Loss) \$755,787

Tax Levy \$ 580,894

 Net Income/(Loss) (\$ 234,034)



Medic One is a service of Kittitas County Hospital District #2



Aug 28-Sept 6

	Billable	Non-Billable*
Ambulance: Home Responses	12	7
Ambulance: Injury/Accidents	9	3
Ambulance: Other	8	3

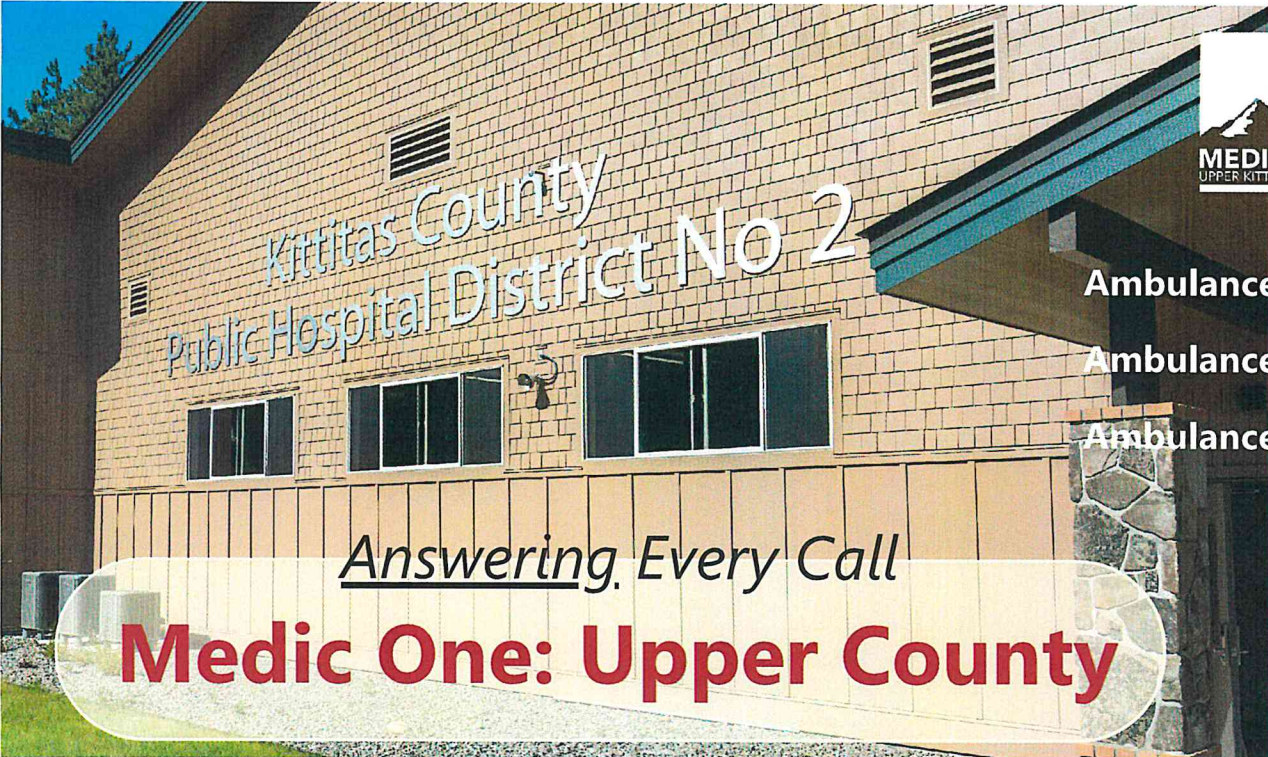
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Sept 6-12

	Billable	Non-Billable*
Ambulance: Home Responses	7	6
Ambulance: Injury/Accidents	2	1
Ambulance: Other	4	0

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