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You are invited to enjoy greater peace of mind

ETMTC EMS invites you to become a member in our ambulance service subscription program that provides peace of mind by protecting you from unexpected ambulance costs. ETMTC EMS membership provides for the prepayment of copayments and deductibles for all medically necessary ambulance services for which the patient has financial responsibility. ETMTC EMS membership also provides for a reduced fee for non-emergency transports that are not covered by insurance. ETMTC EMS membership is not an insurance policy or supplement

Coverage includes your family

One ETMTC EMS membership can include the applicant and immediate family members living at the same address (coverage includes spouse and unmarried and financially dependent children up to 21 years of age — 25 if a college student). A spouse who is being cared for in a nursing home can be covered under the applicant's membership.

Low-cost membership fee structure

APPLICANTS WITH HEALTH INSURANCE:

New membership: \$60

APPLICANTS WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE:

New membership: \$68

Membership services — important features

ETMTC EMS membership benefits are applied to emergency transports and non-emergency ground ambulance transports to hospitals in the ETMTC EMS service area. Patient preference usually determines the hospital to which the patient is transported. However, in cases of life endangerment, the closest appropriate hospital will be used. Emergency transports are fully covered for members with health insurance. If no insurance or other third-party insurance is available, the ETMTC EMS member is covered for 50 percent of the ETMTC EMS standard emergency fee and is therefore responsible for payment of 50 percent of the total charges. An "emergency" is an unforeseen medical condition that requires urgent and unscheduled medical attention. Non-emergency transports are fully covered if insurance or other third-party coverage provides benefits for the transport (even if subject to deductible, copay or coinsurance). If no insurance or other third-party insurance is available, or insurance is denied by the insurance company or other third-party payor, the ETMTC EMS member is covered for 50 percent of the ETMTC EMS standard emergency fee and is therefore responsible for payment of 50 percent of the total charges. A "non-emergency" is a medical transfer in which the patient is being transported for an ongoing medical problem for which he/she has an appointment to be seen at the hospital or requires transport back to his/her home or nursing residence following hospitalization for an acute medical problem. Excluded Services: ETMTC EMS membership provides no coverage for non-emergency transports for which a certificate of medical necessity has not been completed by the patient's physician (forms available from ETMTC EMS). The following destinations are not included in coverage under the ETMTC EMS membership program: doctors' offices, dentists' offices, physical therapy centers and pharmacies. Also not included are transports to destinations that are not in the ETMTC EMS service area. The patient will receive a full bill for excluded services.

Agreement

In consideration and payment of the membership fee, I hereby assign to ETMTC EMS all ambulance benefits that I (or any covered family member) may otherwise be entitled to receive from any insurance or other third-party payor for services provided under my ETMTC EMS membership, now or in the future. ETMTC EMS will accept this assignment as payment in full for emergency ground transports and for non-emergency ground transports if insurance or other third-party payor coverage provides benefits for the transport. I understand the ETMTC EMS will file my ambulance insurance claims for each covered person and is entitled to receive payment from all insurance or other third-party payors up to the amount of the usual charges of ETMTC EMS. If no insurance or other third-party payor benefits are available or services are denied by the insurance company or other third-party payor for the non-emergency services of ETMTC EMS, I understand that I will remain responsible for payment of the reduced fee of 50 percent of the standard non-emergency fee of ETMTC EMS. Any insurance or other third-party payment that I receive related to ETMTC EMS services provided under my ambulance membership shall be delivered to ETMTC EMS.

For information on ETMTC EMS membership:

Call 1-800-642-JOIN (5646)