

# Northwest Community EMS System

## Budgeting for EMS-related Expenses – FY 2020-2021

Program	Line items	Cost estimations	Billing cycle
<b>In-station Continuing Education</b>  <b>See detailed In-station budget FY 20-21 for more details</b>	<b>Fixed costs</b> <b>Covers the following:</b> *40%Salary 1.5 educator FTEs devoted to CE program ; benefits (24%); AV Expenses; office supplies; Sec. salary/benefits (0.3 FTE)	Total fixed costs are shared equally by all System ALS Providers (23) <b>FY20-21: \$ \$4,020.00</b> (Reflect reduction in cost from previous years)	In-station fiscal year runs 5/1 to 4/30. Chiefs approved IS budget 9-18-20 Billed quarterly per their request
	<b>Variable costs</b> **60%Salary (1.5 FTE); benefits (24%); printing; travel/mileage for educators; contract faculty stipends, Med-Surg supplies for classes. Agencies with own Peer IV are billed for printing and med-surg supplies only.	Billed as the per/visit cost <b>FY 20-21 \$160.00/visit</b> (lowest cost in 6 years)	Quarterly
	One on one mandatory review makeup that cannot be done by a Peer Educator	<b>\$40</b> per hr /M2 Mandatory Review policy	
	Grading of credit questions per C2 policy: 1 packet/yr: No fee	<b>On time with no exemption: \$10</b> <b>Late-no exemp: \$10 + \$25 late fee</b>	
<b>EMT &amp; Paramedic classes</b>	<p>All entry level <b>class tuitions are paid directly to Harper College</b> and are based on the annual per credit costs.</p> <p>EMT students are assessed an additional <b>lab and CPR</b> course fees to help cover costs to the program in excess of tuition reimbursement to NCH from Harper College.</p> <p><b>Books: Bledsoe et al, 2017</b>  <b>1. ALL DIGITAL package</b> access to MyLab™ BRADY with eTexts with complete audio file for every chapter in the eText</p> <p>All EMT and PM students must have a <b>physical exam, show proof of selective disease immunization or immunity; a clean felony conviction background check, a neg TB test and neg Universal10 panel urine drug screen</b> to be permitted entry to the clinical units per program policy.</p> <p>TB and drug screening tests may be done on site at NCH or by a healthcare provider of the</p>	<p>Students affiliated with a NWC EMSS Provider are billed at the Harper in-district rate.</p> <p><b>EMT tuition &amp; fees: \$ 1372.50</b>  <b>NCH lab fee</b> payable in class: <b>\$145</b>  <b>EMT CPR</b> if needed: <b>\$60</b></p> <p><b>Paramedic fall semester:</b>            EMS 210 \$ 620.00            EMS 211 \$ 872.50            EMS 217 \$ 299.00            Total: \$2791.50</p> <p><b>PM spring semester:</b>            EMS 212 \$ 1192.50            EMS 213 \$ 1040.00            EMS 215 \$ 2110.00            EMS 218 \$ 277.50            Total: \$ 4620.00</p> <p><b>PM summer semester</b>            EMS 216 \$ 482.50</p> <p><b>Total Harper tuition &amp; fees PM class: \$ 7,894</b></p> <p>Price \$266.65            Eligible for 20% discount at checkout using program code in student handbook.</p> <p>Costs depend on location services are provided</p> <p><b>Background check through NCH: \$41.00</b></p>	<p>Harper requires payment at the beginning of the fall, spring, and summer semesters.</p> <p>EMS 215 includes a \$1500 fee for field preceptor. Host agency is given options for how they wish the funds to be allocated.</p>

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	<p>student's choice. Pre-employment results within the past year may be accepted based on letters from the chief. See student handbook for details.</p> <p>Paramedic students must purchase a <b>FISDAP</b> software license to schedule clinical rotations and log all patient care contacts.</p> <p>Students must take the <b>NREMT exams</b> to gain Illinois licensure. They are responsible for paying the cost of each exam attempt and the Illinois state licensure fee.</p> <p><b>No cost for NREMT practical exam for NCH grads.</b></p>	<p><b>FISDAP</b> license fee <b>\$84</b>, pd. online</p> <p><b><u>NREMT written test fees (2021):</u></b>            EMT: \$ 98            Paramedic: \$152</p>	
<b>ECRN/TNS fees</b>	<p>ECRN tuition costs set by System. No state exam fee.</p> <p>TNS tuition, testing and licensure fees set by IDPH.</p>	<p>ECRN tuition: \$200            TNS tuition: \$300            TNS exam: \$ 25 ea attempt</p>	Payment due 30 days prior to first day of class unless payment plan in place.
<b>Licensure fees</b>	Set by IDPH and payable to IDPH on line for EMTs and paramedics passing the state or NREMT exams. For all other initial licenses, the check must currently be mailed to IDPH. See IDPH Fee Schedule document on last page.		
<b>Relicensure, late, reciprocity , and duplicate license fees</b>	Set by IDPH and payable on line; see fee schedule document on last page		
<b>System entry</b>	Covers grading of SOP & Policy Manual self-assessments; 4 written exams; an ECG strip test; practical skills evaluation lab; and file generation and processing.	<b>\$ 75</b>	Billed after file is opened
<b>Electronic Medical Record (Image Trend) fees</b>	Annual maintenance and hosting fee for each call uploaded to Image Trend webserver.	<b>\$ 0.245 per run</b>	Billed annually in January
	Annual fee for each Elite Field license held per provider agency.	<b>\$225/license</b>	Billed annually in January
	Hardware costs	Variable based on the device on which Field Bridge software is installed.	Agency-specific
<b>NWC EMSS Website</b>	<p>Cost for hosting/maintenance to American Eagle is shared equally by all System members.</p> <p>Webmaster: Rick Nosek</p>	<p><b>\$40/provider-hospital/ year</b></p> <p>System covers annual renewal of website name/domain and support costs to post and delete website documents that benefits all members.</p>	Billed annually in January
<b>Reduced size SOPs</b>	<p>Available for purchase as an option only. Full-size copies are printed and distributed to System members at no cost.</p> <p>SOPs available via phone app for android and Apple products. Some prefer this to the reduced size paper SOPs</p>	Sent to bid each time SOPs are updated. Anticipate next update in 2022.	Payable directly to printer.

**Key explanations**

\*All instructional materials, handouts, AV support, creation of the monthly calendar, and forms to support the program (evaluations etc) are prepared by the In-station Coordinator or an Educator in the NWC EMSS office. The salary expenses for these activities do not change if there was one visit or 100, thus fixed expense are divided equally by all agencies.

\*\*This faculty cost is only for the NWC EMSS In-station Coordinator plus an additional 0.5 educator hired by the Resource Hospital to support the CE program. It does not cover the salaries of the EMSCs/educators from each System hospital who conduct a minimum of 7 classes per month (frequently more) at no cost to the program.

**There are currently NO System membership fees, fees for sending letters of verification, performing ambulance inspections; or costs for preceptor classes as there are in some EMS Systems.**

Under Section 515.460 of the Illinois Administrative Code, the following **fees** shall be submitted at the time of application for examination, initial licensure, licensure renewal, reinstatement, reciprocity or duplicate license request:

FEE TYPE	EMT-B	A-EMT/EMT-I	PM	TNS	ECRN	EMD	PHRN	LEAD INST.	FRD
Examination Fee*	\$20*	\$30*	\$40*	\$25					
Initial Licensure Fee*	\$45*	\$45*	\$60*	\$50	\$55	\$30	\$30	\$40	\$55
Renewal Fee*	\$20*	\$30*	\$40*	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20*
Reinstatement Fee*	\$45*	\$45*	\$60*						
Reciprocity Fee*	\$50*	\$50*	\$50*			\$50			
Duplicate License Fee	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Late Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

\*An EMT may submit an application to IDPH for a waiver of the initial fee or renewal fee if he/she:

- is a member of the Illinois National Guard
- an Illinois State Trooper,
- exclusively serves as a volunteer for units of local government with a population base of less than 5,000 or
- is a volunteer for a nonprofit organization that serves a service area with a population base of less than 5,000

Application and payment for the State of Illinois examination can be submitted online at [www.continentaltesting.net](http://www.continentaltesting.net).

Reinstatement and reciprocity fee(s) must be submitted with application or the application will not be processed. Fee(s) in the form of cashier's check, money order, or organizational check, made payable to the Illinois Department of Public Health, should be mailed to the address provided below. **Personal checks or cash will not be accepted.**

Illinois Department of Public Health EMS and Highway Safety  
422 South Fifth Street, Third Floor Attn: Licensure Section  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

**Ambulance licensure/relicensure fees are set by IDPH and are not billed through the EMS System.**

**There is no fee for non-transport (NT) vehicle licensure/relicensure.**