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# Press Release

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## Mount Laurel Township Implements Emergency Medical Service Reimbursement Program

Mount Laurel, NJ- December 8, 2008: The Township of Mount Laurel and the Mount Laurel Township Emergency Medical Services (MLEMS) would like to announce implementation of an EMS Service Reimbursement Program effective Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

In 2008, the Township Council approved billing insurance carriers for emergency medical services that have been funded through the local general purpose tax. Mayor John Drinkard stated that the reimbursement program is a positive change for the Township, allowing its residents to continue receiving outstanding EMS services while reducing the taxpayers cost burden of prior years. Mayor Drinkard stated that Township residents will not be billed for Mount Laurel Township EMS services and may see an increase in service.

The EMS Service Reimbursement Program will allow revenue to be generated for the Township by billing for EMS services rendered. It is the intent of this program, to seek service reimbursement only from insurance carriers of Township "Residents" as adopted in Township Ordinance 2008-14. This means that "Qualified Residents" would not be personally billed for insurance co-payments, deductibles, rejected claims, or unpaid balances and if they are uninsured. The Township would accept payments from "Residents" insurance carriers only.

Mount Laurel EMS is available to meet with any township group to present the Township's EMS Service Reimbursement Program and to answer questions related to EMS Billing. Contact EMS Clerk Shari Pickup at 856-778-1274 to schedule a presentation for your group. Information related to EMS Service Reimbursement Program is available for viewing at [www.mlems.org](http://www.mlems.org).

DM Medical Billing Services from Berlin, NJ has been awarded the contract for EMS Billing Services by the Township.

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