## Mount Laurel Township

## **Emergency Medical Service**

## **Reimbursement Program Summary**

Mount Laurel Township Emergency Medical Services (MLEMS) implemented a EMS Service Reimbursement Program effective Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

In 2008, Mount Laurel Township approved measures to change the way that they fund their Emergency Medical Services (EMS). These changes will ensure a sustainable funding mechanism for EMS in the future. In the past EMS was 100% funded thru the local general purpose tax, with this change EMS will be funded, primarily with revenues generated from service delivery reimbursement.

The Township has implemented an EMS Service Reimbursement Program which will allow revenue to be generated by billing for EMS services rendered. It is the intent of this program, to seek service reimbursement, only from insurance revenues collected, for Township "Residents" as identified in the provisions adopted in Township Ordinance 2008-14. This means that "Qualified Residents" would not be personally billed for insurance co-payments, deductibles, rejected claims, for unpaid balances and if they are uninsured. The Township would accept payments from "Resident's" insurance carriers only. This EMS Service Reimbursement Program, for our Township Funded Emergency Medical Service (EMS), is in accordance with the Advisory Opinions of the Federal Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Programs that oversees the Center for Medicare Services (CMS) Regulations. Essentially, "residents" and "property owners" thru the general purpose tax, pay for the provision of EMS and therefore are considered a service subscriber. Non-Township Residents' insurance providers will also be billed, but unlike our Township "Resident's", nonresidents may be personally responsible for EMS service reimbursement balances not paid for by their insurance carriers. Mount Laurel EMS transports more nonresidents annually than it does residents.

Mount Laurel EMS is available to meet with any township group to present the Township's EMS Service Reimbursement Program and to an 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 will be available for viewing at www.mlems.org.

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