

# 7READY

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**ONLY \$7  
A MONTH**  
Guarantees you  
and your family  
no out-of-pocket costs  
for ambulance service  
each year when you  
sign up for the program.

7Ready is a resident benefit program that allows you to pay **\$7 on your monthly water bill**. By participating in this program, you will have no out-of-pocket costs for ambulance fees. OTEMS is excited to announce this new partnership with RWD #4 and will continue to offer excellent customer service and quality Advanced Life Support to the Oologah-Talala community.

To begin receiving benefits for 7Ready, all you need to do is fill out a form stating that you want to participate in program. Forms are available at the water district office and must be filled out in person or you can call the office at **918-443-2542** and request to have a form faxed or mailed. Forms can also be downloaded from the OTEMS website at **[www.otems.com](http://www.otems.com)**.



Should you have any questions regarding 7Ready, feel free to call OTEMS at **918-433-2350** or RWD #4 at **918-443-2542**.

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# FAQ'S

## 1 Q: If I participate in the 7Ready Program, who is covered?

A: All residents of participating households, regardless of their age or whether they are a blood relative of the utility account holder, receive benefits. Persons must live at the participating household address to be covered. Someone simply in town visiting is not covered. A good test is whether the person receives bills and mail at the address.

## 2 Q: What area is served by Oologah-Talala EMS?

A: The Oologah-Talala school district.

## 3 Q: What is the cost of participation?

A: The 7Ready program is available for \$7 per month, which is conveniently included on your VVEC electric bill. This fee covers the account holder and all permanent members of the household. If you are a RWD#4 customer, you must fill out a form to participate. You only need to be registered with one utility company.

## 4 Q: When do my benefits start?

A: When you sign up at RWD#4 or set up new electric service at VVEC

## 5 Q: I have insurance and/or Medicare. Why should I participate?

A: Because Medicare, Medicaid and insurance companies don't always pay full charges - and deny about 25% of ambulance claims outright! If you participate in the Seven Ready Program, OTEMS will bill your insurance, Medicare or Medicaid provider and accept their payment as payment-in-full.

You will not have to pay the usual 20% Medicare copayment, a standard insurance deductible or a balance after a partial payment. If your provider denies a claim outright or if you don't have coverage, you'll be charged a reduced fee (40% off the standard rates).

## 6 Q: Are there any excluded services?

A: Yes. The Resident Benefit Program does not provide benefits for non-emergency transports (a medical transfer that does not have a hospital emergency room as the final destination) without a physician certification statement. Also, repetitive transports for services such as dialysis, radiation therapy and chemotherapy are not included. The program does not cover non-emergency transports to and from doctors' offices, dentists' offices, physical therapy centers and other non-hospital facilities. Transports outside of OTEMS service area are also not included.

## 7 Q: Why do I need to participate in 7Ready when I already pay property tax?

A: OTEMS cannot survive on property tax alone. Due to rising medical costs and declining reimbursement, ambulance providers are not able to operate based solely on revenues from patients they transport. Over the past decade, more than 50 ambulance agencies have ceased operations because of this - leaving many Oklahomans without quick access to emergency care.

## 8 Q: What is the average cost for an ambulance transport?

A: The nature of each call will vary, but an average ambulance bill will run in the range of \$1200-\$1500.

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