



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-0873

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: September 17, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department's
Participation in the Supplemental Payment Program for Medicaid Managed
Care Patients with the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care
Administration - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the City's participation in an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the State of Florida (State) to provide supplemental payment for Medicaid Managed Care patients and authorize the City Manager to execute the Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement with the State.

Background

This program provides supplemental payments for allowable costs that are in excess of Medicaid revenues received for emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid eligible recipients.

There are two (2) types of Medicaid transports. The "Fee for Service" transports are billed and collected directly from the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). The second type of transports are billed and collected from Managed Care Organizations (MCO) providers working under contract with AHCA. The average reimbursement for the services per Medicaid patient is approximately \$177 per transport. This amount is significantly lower when compared to the average reimbursements for Medicare and private health insurance patients and the actual costs associated with Emergency Medical Transports. The average reimbursements for Medicare and private health insurance patients are \$453 and \$627, respectively.

Since 2016, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue has received annual supplemental payments for Medicaid "Fee for Service" patient transports through the Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) program. This program leverages the approximately 65% share of Federal Medicaid reimbursement by allowing the State to certify the public expenditure incurred by Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue as the State share. In 2019, the State Legislature authorized the expansion of the program to include the Medicaid Managed Care

population (State Bill 2500). In June 2020, the State Legislature appropriated \$89M (State Bill 5001) for the State Fiscal Year.

The supplemental payment program requires agreements with AHCA and the MCO's. Unlike the current CPE program, which requires no appropriation for the State share, these revenue and expense submissions are funded through an IGT (Intergovernmental Transfer) cash match with a federal fund contribution. To leverage the approximate 57% federal share, AHCA will collect the IGT payments from each participating agency, including Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue, and submit the total State share to the Federal Government (CMS – Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services). The Federal Government will then provide the Federal Share back to AHCA, who will transfer the funds to the MCO's for reimbursement back to the participating agencies.

Exhibit 2 is the payment model for FY 2024. Based on the City's FY 2024 contribution of \$1,157,478, the City will receive \$2,753,277 in additional revenues representing a net income of \$1,595,799. The FY 2025 designated IGT contribution provided by Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue is estimated at \$1,322,443. It is anticipated that the City will receive \$3,087,656 in revenues which will realize an approximate \$1,765,213 in net income, reflecting the approximate 57% Federal Share and the 43% percent State share of the program. Exhibit 3 lists the 100 eligible governmental agencies that can currently participate in this program, as well as the anticipated IGT contributions and estimated net new federal funding for FY 2025.

To be eligible for this reimbursement program, the qualifying agency must have been a participant in the most recent PEMT reimbursement program and must also be a "non-Medicaid governmental agency". In addition, each participating agency must sign and execute Letter of Agreements with the respective MCO entities within each Medicaid Region within the State of Florida (Exhibit 1).

At its meeting of July 7, 2020, the City Commission approved a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute Letters of Agreement with the Managed Care Organizations under contract with the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration (CAM 20-0505). At its meeting of September 15, 2020, the City Commission approved a motion authorizing the City of Fort Lauderdale's Fire Rescue Department's Participation in the Supplemental Payment Program for Medicaid Managed Care Patients with the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration (CAM 20-0717). At its meeting of September 22, 2022, the City Commission approved a motion authorizing the City of Fort Lauderdale's Fire Rescue Department's Participation in the Supplemental Payment Program for Medicaid Managed Care Patients with the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration (CAM 22-0876).

Resource Impact

Funding for this revenue and contribution is contingent upon the approval of the FY 2025 Adopted Budget.

Source:

Funds available as of October 1, 2024					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-4020-522 342-602	Fire Rescue Support	Charges for Services/Public Emergency Medical Transport – MCO	\$15,300,206	\$15,300,206	\$3,087,656
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►	\$3,087,656

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-4020-522 40-4207	Fire Rescue Support	Other Operating Expenses/Promotional Contribution	\$16,220,532	\$16,220,532	\$1,322,443
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►	\$1,322,443

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2029*, specifically advancing:

- Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

This item advances the *Fast-Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are Community*.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- Public Safety

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 – Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement
- Exhibit 2 – FY 2024 MCO Draft Payment Model
- Exhibit 3 – FY 2025 MCO Draft Payment Model

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