



## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

# CITY MANAGER SIGNATURE REQUEST ROUTING FORM

Rev: 11 | Revision Date: 07/02/2025

### SECTION 1 | SUMMARY INFORMATION

Date: 9/17/2025

☐ Agenda Item ☒ Commission Memo ☐ Letter (to external agency) ☐ Other Document

Document Title/Purpose:

Walk on - Resolution Approving the City of Fort Lauderdale's Participation in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program for Medicaid Managed Care Patients with the State of Florida's Agency Health

Administration, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Deliver to the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) Annually a Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement, in Substantially the Form Attached hereto, and

Commission Meeting Date: 9/16/25 CAM #: 25-0957 Item #:

CAM attached: ☒ Yes ☐ No Action Summary Attached: ☐ Yes ☐ No CIP FUNDED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Community Investment Plan (CIP) Project defined as having a life of at least 10 years and a cost of at least \$100,000 and shall mean improvements to real property (land, buildings, or fixtures) that add value and/or extend useful life, including major repairs such as roof replacement. Term "real property" includes land, real estate, realty, or real.

### SECTION 2 | REQUESTOR (CHARTER OFFICE/DEPARTMENT)

Charter Office: Router Name: Ext:

Department: Fire Rescue Router Name: Carladean Ferguson Ext: 6701

Department Approval (Director/Chief): Name: Stephen Gollan Init.: SG Date: September 17, 2025

\*Return Document To: Robert Weiler Department: Fire Rescue Ext: 6811

\*REMINDER: Once review and signature at the last level of government (Federal, State, County) is complete, scan the final record copy and send to the City Clerk's Office.

Scan Date: Attach Certified Resolution #: Original form route to CAO: ☒ Yes ☐ No

### THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE FOR CHARTER OFFICE USE ONLY

SECTION 3 | CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (CAO): CAO signed/routed Required ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the attached Granicus document final? ☒ Yes ☐ No Number of Originals Attached: 3

Attorney's Name: Rhonda Hlasar Approved as to Form: ☒ Yes ☐ No Initials: [Signature]

Route to: Finance (if applicable) Date: N/A Route to: CCO Date: 9/18/25

### SECTION 4 | CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (CCO)

City Clerk Office Receive and Scan Date: Number of Originals: 3

Route to CMO Date: 09/19/25 Route to Mayor Date:

### SECTION 5 | CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE (CMO)

LOG #: SEP103 Date Received: 9/19/25 Received From: LLD

To CM/ACM: ☒ R. Williams ☐ C. Cooper ☐ Y. Matthews ☐ B. Rogers

Approved Init.: for continuous routing to Rickelle Williams, City Manager/Executive Director

Disapproved: Comments:

Executive Assistant Route to CCO Date: 9/22/25

TMA# 25-0446





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

**#29-0957**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *Rickelle Williams*

**DATE:** September 16, 2025

**TITLE:** **WALK ON** - Resolution Approving the City of Fort Lauderdale's Participation in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program for Medicaid Managed Care Patients with the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration, and Authorizing the City Manager to execute and Deliver to the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) Annually a Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement, in Substantially the Form attached hereto, and any Amendments thereto Retroactively to Fiscal Year 2016 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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**Recommendation**

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**Background**

The Public Emergency Medical Transportation program (PEMT) is administered by the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and provides supplemental payment to eligible PEMT entities that meet specified requirements and provide emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries. The City is an eligible PEMT entity because it provides emergency medical transportation services for Medicaid beneficiaries via Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue.

PEMT is highly beneficial to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies by helping recover additional Medicaid funding to cover the gap between low reimbursements and the actual cost of providing emergency medical transports. The PEMT program will reimburse a portion of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Medicaid fee-for-service costs annually between July 1st and June 30th. This funding strengthens EMS operations, supports staffing and readiness, and ensures long-term sustainability.

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Participation in the PEMT supplemental payment program requires the annual execution of PEMT Letters of Agreement between AHCA and the City. Program revenues and expense submissions are funded through an Intergovernmental Transfer ("IGT") cash match with a federal fund contribution. To leverage the 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 – Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services ("CMS"). The Federal Government will then provide the Federal Share back to AHCA, who will transfer the funds to the Managed Care Organizations for reimbursement back to the participating agencies.

The City has participated in the PEMT program since 2016. The State is amending the 2024-2025 agreement due to unmet financial obligations. The release of funds is pending approval from the federal government, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Until CMS grants approval, the State is unable to release any funds associated with the program. Additionally, the City's contribution will not be released until approval is received from the federal government.

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#### **Resource Impact**

Funding for this revenue and contribution is contingent upon the approval of the FY 2026 Adopted Budget.

#### **Source:**

<b>Funds available as of October 1, 2025</b>					
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Prepared by: Aukela T. Holloway, Public Safety Administrator, Fire Rescue Department

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Department Director:

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## Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement

THIS ~~LETTER~~ <sup>44h</sup> OF AGREEMENT (LOA) is made and entered into in duplicate on the day of <sup>DCE</sup> 2024, by and between **City of Fort Lauderdale** (the "IGT Provider") on behalf of **Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue**, and the State of Florida, **Agency for Health Care Administration** (the "Agency"), for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged.

### DEFINITIONS

"Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs)" means transfers of funds from a non-Medicaid governmental entity (e.g., counties, hospital taxing districts, providers operated by state or local government) to the Medicaid agency. IGTs must be compliant with 42 CFR Part 433 Subpart B.

"Medicaid" means the medical assistance program authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1396 et seq., and regulations thereunder, as administered in Florida by the Agency.

"Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT)," pursuant to the General Appropriation Act, Laws of Florida 2024-231 is the program that provides supplemental payments for eligible Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) entities that meet specified requirements and provide emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

### A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Per House Bill 5001, the General Appropriations Act of State Fiscal Year 2024-2025, passed by the 2024 Florida Legislature, the IGT Provider and the Agency agree that the IGT Provider will remit IGT funds to the Agency in an amount not to exceed the total of **\$1,322,443.13**. The IGT Provider and the Agency have agreed that these IGT funds will only be used for the PEMT program.
2. The IGT Provider will return the signed LOA to the Agency.
3. The IGT Provider will pay IGT funds to the Agency in an amount not to exceed the total of **\$1,322,443.13**. The IGT Provider will transfer payments to the Agency in the following manner:
  - a. Per Florida Statute 409.908, annual payments for the months of July 2024 through June 2025 are due to the Agency no later than October 31, 2024, unless an alternative plan is specifically approved by the agency.
  - b. The Agency will bill the IGT Provider when payment is due.
4. The IGT Provider and the Agency agree that the Agency will maintain necessary records and supporting documentation applicable to health services covered by this LOA in accordance with public records laws and established retention schedules.

#### a. AUDITS AND RECORDS

- i. The IGT Provider agrees to maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to performance under this LOA in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of funds provided.
- ii. The IGT Provider agrees to assure that these records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by state personnel and other personnel duly authorized by the Agency, as well as by federal personnel.
- iii. The IGT Provider agrees to comply with public record laws as outlined in section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

**b. RETENTION OF RECORDS**

- i. The IGT Provider agrees to retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to performance under this LOA for a period of six (6) years after termination of this LOA, or if an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of six (6) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings.
- ii. Persons duly authorized by the Agency and federal auditors shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said records and documents.
- iii. The rights of access in this section must not be limited to the required retention period but shall last as long as the records are retained.

**c. MONITORING**

- i. The IGT Provider agrees to permit persons duly authorized by the Agency to inspect any records, papers, and documents of the IGT Provider which are relevant to this LOA.

**d. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS**

- i. The IGT Provider agrees to neither assign the responsibility of this LOA to another party nor subcontract for any of the work contemplated under this LOA without prior written approval of the Agency. No such approval by the Agency of any assignment or subcontract shall be deemed in any event or in any manner to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of the Agency in addition to the total dollar amount agreed upon in this LOA. All such assignments or subcontracts shall be subject to the conditions of this LOA and to any conditions of approval that the Agency shall deem necessary.

- 5. This LOA may only be amended upon written agreement signed by both parties. The IGT Provider and the Agency agree that any modifications to this LOA shall be in the same form, namely the exchange of signed copies of a revised LOA.
- 6. The IGT Provider confirms that there are no pre-arranged agreements (contractual or otherwise) between the respective counties, taxing districts, and/or the providers to re-

direct any portion of these aforementioned supplemental payments in order to satisfy non-Medicaid, non-uninsured, and non-underinsured activities.

7. The IGT Provider agrees the following provision shall be included in any agreements between IGT Provider and local providers where IGT funding is provided pursuant to this LOA. Funding provided in this agreement shall be prioritized so that designated IGT funding shall first be used to fund the Medicaid program and used secondarily for other purposes.
8. This LOA covers the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and shall be terminated September 30, 2025, which includes the state's certified forward period.
9. This LOA may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and each of which shall be fully binding on any party signing at least one counterpart.

PEMT Local Intergovernmental Transfers	
Program / Amount	State Fiscal Year 2024-2025
Estimated IGTs	\$1,322,443.13
Total Funding Not to Exceed	\$1,322,443.13

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this page Letter of Agreement to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized.

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**

SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: Tom Wallace  
TITLE: Deputy Secretary for Health Care  
Finance and Data  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_




CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipal corporation

By:   
SUSAN GRANT  
Acting City Manager

Dated: 10/4/24

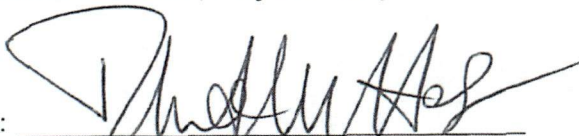
ATTEST:

By:   
DAVID R. SOLOMAN  
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:

Thomas J. Ansbrosio, City Attorney

By:   
RHONDA MONTOYA HASAN  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANNUALLY A PUBLIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION LETTER OF AGREEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO RETROACTIVELY TO FISCAL YEAR 2016, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Public Emergency Medical Transportation ("PEMT") program is administered by the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration ("AHCA") and provides supplemental payment to eligible PEMT entities that meet specified requirements and provide emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration annually a Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto, and any amendments thereto retroactively to fiscal year 2016.

SECTION 2. That the Office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by the proper City officials.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND CORRECTNESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Interim City Attorney  
D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

Dean J. Trantalis \_\_\_\_\_  
John C. Herbst \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Stephanie Scanlon

TITLE: Chief of Medicaid Program  
Finance


DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipal corporation

By:   
RICKELLE WILLIAMS  
City Manager

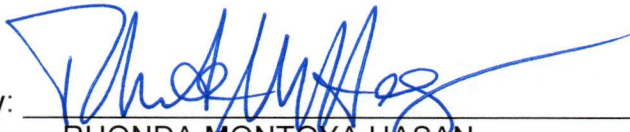
Dated: 9/22/2025

ATTEST:

By:   
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City Clerk



Approved as to Legal Form and Correctness:  
D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney

By:   
RHONDA MONTOYA HASAN  
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**#25-0957**

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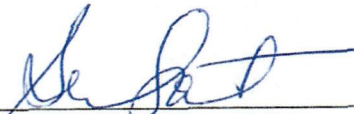
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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**


SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: Tom Wallace  
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Finance and Data  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipal corporation

By:   
SUSAN GRANT  
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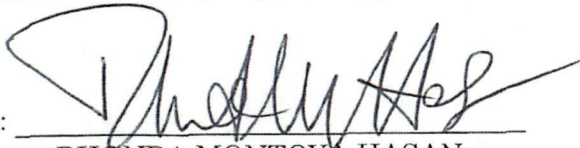
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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND  
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By:   
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-

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ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM  
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SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Stephanie Scanlon

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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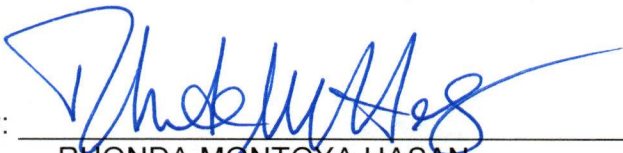
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**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#29-0957**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
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**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *Rickelle Williams*

**DATE:** September 16, 2025

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PEMT Local Intergovernmental Transfers	
Program / Amount	State Fiscal Year 2024-2025
Estimated IGTs	\$1,322,443.13
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this page Letter of Agreement to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized.

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**

SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**


SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: Tom Wallace  
TITLE: Deputy Secretary for Health Care  
Finance and Data  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipal corporation

By:   
SUSAN GRANT  
Acting City Manager

Dated: 10/4/24

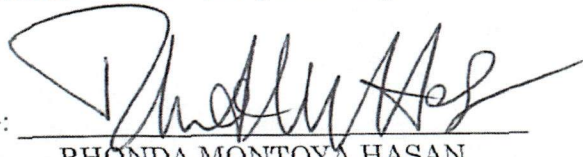
ATTEST:

By:   
DAVID R. SOLOMAN  
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:

Thomas J. Ansbros, City Attorney

By:   
RHONDA MONTOYA HASAN  
Senior Assistant City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANNUALLY A PUBLIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION LETTER OF AGREEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO RETROACTIVELY TO FISCAL YEAR 2016, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Interim City Attorney  
D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

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SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Stephanie Scanlon

TITLE: Chief of Medicaid Program  
Finance

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipal  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RICKELLE WILLIAMS  
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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Approved as to Legal Form and Correctness:  
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10-001-4020-522-342-602	Fire Rescue Support	Charges for Services/Public Emergency Medical Transport – MCO	\$2,410,959	\$0	\$3,128,958
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$3,128,958</b>

**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	\$15,779,013	\$15,779,013	\$1,338,568
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$1,338,568

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Prepared by:

Aukela T. Holloway, Public Safety Administrator, Fire Rescue  
Department

Department Director:

Stephen W. Gollan, Chief, Fire Rescue Department





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

**#25-0957**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** September 16, 2025

**TITLE:** **WALK ON** - Resolution Approving the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department's Participation in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program for Medicaid Managed Care Patients with the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration, and Authorizing the City Manager to execute and Deliver to the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) Annually a Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement, in Substantially the Form attached hereto, and any Amendments thereto Retroactively to Fiscal Year 2016 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department's Participation in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program for Medicaid Managed Care Patients with the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver annually a Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement, in substantially the form attached, and any amendment thereto retroactively to fiscal year 2016.

**Background**

The Public Emergency Medical Transportation program (PEMT) is administered by the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and provides supplemental payment to eligible PEMT entities that meet specified requirements and provide emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries. The City is an eligible PEMT entity because it provides emergency medical transportation services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

PEMT is highly beneficial to EMS agencies helping recover additional Medicaid funding to cover the gap between low reimbursements and the actual cost of providing emergency medical transports. The PEMT program will reimburse a portion of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Medicaid fee-for-service costs annually between July 1st and June 30th. This funding strengthens EMS operations, supports staffing and readiness, and ensures long-term sustainability.



The current average reimbursement for basic life support services per Medicaid patient is \$136 per transport. This amount is significantly lower than the average reimbursements for Medicare (\$454) and private health insurance patients (\$627), as well as the actual costs associated with emergency medical transports. PEMT allows agencies to certify their expenses and receive federal matching funds, allowing departments to receive cost recovery without increasing local taxes and fees.

Participation in the PEMT supplemental payment program requires the annual execution of Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letters of Agreement between AHCA and the City. Program revenues and expense submissions are funded through an Intergovernmental Transfer ("IGT") cash match with a federal fund contribution. To leverage the 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 – Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services ("CMS"). The Federal Government will then provide the Federal Share back to AHCA, who will transfer the funds to the Managed Care Organizations for reimbursement back to the participating agencies.

The City has participated in the PEMT program since 2016. The State is amending the 2024-2025 agreement due to unmet financial obligations. The release of funds is pending approval from the federal government, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Until CMS grants approval, the State is unable to release any funds associated with the program. Additionally, the City's contribution will not be released until approval is received from the federal government.

The FY 2026 designated IGT contribution provided by Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue is estimated at \$1,338,568. It is anticipated that the City will receive \$3,128,958 in revenues, which will realize approximately \$1,790,389 in net revenue.

### **Resource Impact**

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Department Director: Stephen W. Gollan, Chief, Fire Rescue Department

## Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement

THIS ~~LETTER~~ <sup>44h</sup> OF AGREEMENT (LOA) is made and entered into in duplicate on the day of <sup>DCE</sup> 2024, by and between **City of Fort Lauderdale** (the "IGT Provider") on behalf of **Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue**, and the State of Florida, **Agency for Health Care Administration** (the "Agency"), for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged.

### DEFINITIONS

"Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs)" means transfers of funds from a non-Medicaid governmental entity (e.g., counties, hospital taxing districts, providers operated by state or local government) to the Medicaid agency. IGTs must be compliant with 42 CFR Part 433 Subpart B.

"Medicaid" means the medical assistance program authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1396 et seq., and regulations thereunder, as administered in Florida by the Agency.

"Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT)," pursuant to the General Appropriation Act, Laws of Florida 2024-231 is the program that provides supplemental payments for eligible Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) entities that meet specified requirements and provide emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

### A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Per House Bill 5001, the General Appropriations Act of State Fiscal Year 2024-2025, passed by the 2024 Florida Legislature, the IGT Provider and the Agency agree that the IGT Provider will remit IGT funds to the Agency in an amount not to exceed the total of **\$1,322,443.13**. The IGT Provider and the Agency have agreed that these IGT funds will only be used for the PEMT program.
2. The IGT Provider will return the signed LOA to the Agency.
3. The IGT Provider will pay IGT funds to the Agency in an amount not to exceed the total of **\$1,322,443.13**. The IGT Provider will transfer payments to the Agency in the following manner:
  - a. Per Florida Statute 409.908, annual payments for the months of July 2024 through June 2025 are due to the Agency no later than October 31, 2024, unless an alternative plan is specifically approved by the agency.
  - b. The Agency will bill the IGT Provider when payment is due.
4. The IGT Provider and the Agency agree that the Agency will maintain necessary records and supporting documentation applicable to health services covered by this LOA in accordance with public records laws and established retention schedules.

#### a. AUDITS AND RECORDS

- i. The IGT Provider agrees to maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to performance under this LOA in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of funds provided.
- ii. The IGT Provider agrees to assure that these records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by state personnel and other personnel duly authorized by the Agency, as well as by federal personnel.
- iii. The IGT Provider agrees to comply with public record laws as outlined in section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

**b. RETENTION OF RECORDS**

- i. The IGT Provider agrees to retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to performance under this LOA for a period of six (6) years after termination of this LOA, or if an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of six (6) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings.
- ii. Persons duly authorized by the Agency and federal auditors shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said records and documents.
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**c. MONITORING**

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**d. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS**

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5. This LOA may only be amended upon written agreement signed by both parties. The IGT Provider and the Agency agree that any modifications to this LOA shall be in the same form, namely the exchange of signed copies of a revised LOA.
6. The IGT Provider confirms that there are no pre-arranged agreements (contractual or otherwise) between the respective counties, taxing districts, and/or the providers to re-

direct any portion of these aforementioned supplemental payments in order to satisfy non-Medicaid, non-uninsured, and non-underinsured activities.

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9. This LOA may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and each of which shall be fully binding on any party signing at least one counterpart.

PEMT Local Intergovernmental Transfers	
Program / Amount	State Fiscal Year 2024-2025
Estimated IGTs	\$1,322,443.13
Total Funding Not to Exceed	\$1,322,443.13

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this page Letter of Agreement to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized.

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**

SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: Tom Wallace  
TITLE: Deputy Secretary for Health Care  
Finance and Data  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

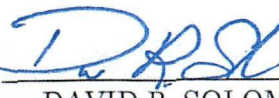


CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipal corporation

By:   
SUSAN GRANT  
Acting City Manager

Dated: 10/4/24

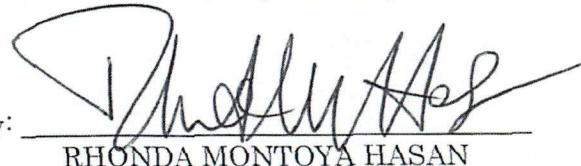
ATTEST:

By:   
DAVID R. SOLOMAN  
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:

Thomas J. Ansbro, City Attorney

By:   
RHONDA MONTOYA HASAN  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANNUALLY A PUBLIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION LETTER OF AGREEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO RETROACTIVELY TO FISCAL YEAR 2016, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Public Emergency Medical Transportation ("PEMT") program is administered by the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration ("AHCA") and provides supplemental payment to eligible PEMT entities that meet specified requirements and provide emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries; and

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WHEREAS, the participation in the PEMT supplemental payment program requires the annual execution of Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letters of Agreement between AHCA and the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration annually a Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto, and any amendments thereto retroactively to fiscal year 2016.

SECTION 2. That the Office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by the proper City officials.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND CORRECTNESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Interim City Attorney  
D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

Dean J. Trantalis \_\_\_\_\_  
John C. Herbst \_\_\_\_\_  
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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

SIGNED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: Stephanie Scanlon  
TITLE: Chief of Medicaid Program  
Finance  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipal corporation

By: Rickelle Williams  
RICKELLE WILLIAMS  
City Manager

Dated: 9/22/2025

ATTEST:

By: David R. Solomon  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN  
City Clerk



Approved as to Legal Form and Correctness:  
D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney

By: Rhonda Montoya Hasan  
RHONDA MONTOYA HASAN  
Senior Assistant City Attorney