

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-0275

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 26, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: May 26, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation of Funds; oversight designation; requesting one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates funds in the sum of \$1,625,263.58 to enter into an agreement with the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (“AHCA”) to provide funding to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department for public emergency medical transportation needs. The transfer of these funds is detailed on BT 20-084. The Finance and Administration Department and Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department will oversee the project. The bill requests one-cycle emergency passage.

Background Information: The program provides supplemental payments for eligible Public Emergency Medical Transport (PEMT) entities that provide transport services to Medicaid beneficiaries once the IGT is paid. The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has secured federal approval from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), for an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program and payment of the IGT as authorized in 2019-852 is due. Similar to Medicaid's Low Income Pool Program (LIP) for hospitals, this mechanism is used to transfer additional funds to the states in order to offset the cost of Medicaid transports that are not covered under the current Fee Schedule. The new IGT will generate approximately \$54M in additional supplemental funding statewide for the managed care program. IGT funds will be distributed in relationship to enrollment and utilization of services. Currently Duval County covers 5.4% of all Medicaid enrolled beneficiaries statewide. Using this percentage, we are estimating approximately \$3.0M will be available for our region.

Policy Impact Area: Appropriation of funds; public health and safety; Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department

Fiscal Impact: The estimated payment to the City of Jacksonville is \$3,000,000.00. The funds will be a pass-through from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to the State of Florida's Medicaid program administered by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). There is no match; however, each participating agency will be required to contribute towards the state's Managed Care Organization Funding Pool. Governmental providers statewide will need to contribute \$21.1 Million total into the Intergovernmental Transfer Program (IGT) in order to draw down an additional \$35 Million in federal funding. The \$21.1 Million represents the state's 38.53% share towards the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Funding Pool. The Federal Share is 61.47% representing an additional \$33.7 Million. These monies will then be distributed by the Agency of Health Care Administration (AHCA) to the regional Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO). The City's contribution is \$1,625,263.58. Once the IGT is paid, the regional MCO's are required to disburse the federal share funds to each governmental agency in relation to their utilization of Medicaid transport services provided during the specific reporting period.

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