

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-852

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

Date of Introduction: November 26, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: November 27, 2019

Type of Action: Authorization of intergovernmental transfer agreement

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental transfer agreement with the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration to facilitate participation in a supplemental payment program for transport of Medicaid managed care patients. It designates the Fire and Rescue Department as the City's oversight agency for the program and requests 1-cycle emergency approval.

Background Information: The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) is in the process of securing federal approval from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), for an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program. Similar to Medicaid's Low Income Pool Program (LIP) for hospitals, in which the City also participates, 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 \$54 million in additional supplemental funding statewide for the managed care program. IGT funds will be distributed in relationship to each county's enrollment and utilization of services. Currently Duval County covers 5.4% of all Medicaid enrolled beneficiaries statewide. Using this percentage, the program is estimated to produce approximately \$2.7 million net new funding for our region.

The reason for the emergency approval request is that the deadline to submit the Letter of Agreement to participate in the program is December 31, 2019, so the bill must be passed by the Council meeting of December 10th.

Policy Impact Area: Additional Medicaid funding for JFRD EMS transports

Fiscal Impact: The program is anticipated to generate approximately \$2.7 million in net new funding for Jacksonville.

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