

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-76

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

Date of Introduction: February 9, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: February 11, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation; position authorization

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$3,906,140 in unbudgeted Medicaid program revenues from the Florida's Managed Care Options (MCO) and Certified Public Expenditures (CPO) programs to several expenditure accounts for the following purposes:

- fund the acquisition of certain fire apparatus and replacement capital equipment lost in a ship fire; and
- additional personnel costs for the conversion of one part-time EMS Billing and Coding Specialist position to a full-time EMS Billing and Coding Specialist position within the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department.

The bill authorizes the creation of the full-time EMS Billing and Coding Specialist position in the Fire and Rescue Department/

Background Information: The grant funds are a pass-through of unallocated funds from the U.S. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services through the state Medicaid program to the City, with no City match required. The funding will be used to replace JFRD equipment lost in the fire aboard the vehicle transport ship at Blount Island in June of 2020 and to provide additional salary and benefits to convert an existing part-time EMS Billing and Coding Specialist to a full-time position. That full-time employee will capture additional Medicaid eligibility data on EMS-transported patients with the aim of increasing the recapture of Medicaid payments for EMS transports.

Policy Impact Area: Fire and Rescue Department equipment replacement; EMS transport Medicaid reimbursement

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$3,906,140 in unbudgeted Medicaid program revenues to the City with no local match required.

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