

Background and Policy Issues: (continued from page 1)

The following provides some examples as to why the \$5.4 million balance is uncollectible.

- Medicare adjustment - difference between Fire-Rescue billing rate and the maximum reimbursement allowed by Medicare. The County's rate is set slightly higher than Medicare's maximum allowable in order to collect the maximum reimbursement, thereby creating an automatic *Medicare Adjustment*. An increase in adjustments will occur whenever the Board approves a rate increase in excess of Medicare allowable rates for reimbursement.
- Partial Payment - received payment from third party carrier, but patient did not have supplemental insurance and has not paid balance.
- Payment denied based on medical necessity - Fire Rescue's decision to transport an injured or ill patient is based on quality of patient care as determined by the paramedic/Medical Director, not on the likelihood of a successful collection. In some cases, patient did not pay account.
- Billing agent unable to obtain accurate/sufficient patient information.
- Patients had no insurance, co-insurance, or had not met their deductible. As the number of patients in Palm Beach County without insurance increases, the overall collection rate will be expected to decrease. Typically on accounts where the patient has no insurance or where insurance benefits have been exhausted, the collection rate is only approximately 11%.

The write-off of these accounts does not eliminate the County's authority to continue to pursue collection on these accounts.

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes X No _____

Budget Account No.: Fund 1300 Dept 440 Unit 4210 Object _____ Rev Source 4260

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

The approval of this item will authorize the Clerk of the Courts to record the necessary accounting entries to remove these accounts from the financial records. As required under the PPM, Fire Rescue will continue to maintain a database of all ALS transport accounts.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *[Signature]*

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

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 Contract Dev. and Control
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B. Legal Sufficiency

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 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.

**Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
ALS Transport Billing Write-Off Summary
October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2004**

		Billings and Collections - ADP Report No. AB2020				
Billing Month		Gross Billings	Receipts	Receipts % of Gross	Adjustments	Balance
FY2003						
October	2002	\$701,912.50	\$503,013.18	71.66%	\$34,775.95	\$164,123.37
November	2002	\$728,057.50	\$501,960.18	68.95%	\$36,700.29	\$189,397.03
December	2002	\$841,610.00	\$592,441.08	70.39%	\$42,820.35	\$206,348.57
January	2003	\$871,417.50	\$638,314.20	73.25%	\$50,542.63	\$182,560.67
February	2003	\$866,612.50	\$614,133.84	70.87%	\$49,709.67	\$202,768.99
March	2003	\$898,122.50	\$597,283.75	66.50%	\$48,142.98	\$252,695.77
April	2003	\$841,462.50	\$557,717.62	66.28%	\$39,872.63	\$243,872.25
May	2003	\$778,865.00	\$513,937.89	65.99%	\$46,749.61	\$218,177.50
June	2003	\$742,160.00	\$495,520.32	66.77%	\$50,904.88	\$195,734.80
July	2003	\$715,212.50	\$473,546.11	66.21%	\$46,203.31	\$195,463.08
August	2003	\$751,677.50	\$499,791.70	66.49%	\$47,276.01	\$204,609.79
September	2003	\$752,277.50	\$480,320.07	63.85%	\$47,011.71	\$224,945.72
		\$9,489,387.50	\$6,467,979.94	68.16%	\$540,710.02	\$2,480,697.54
FY2004						
October	2003	\$789,462.50	\$507,352.81	64.27%	\$53,589.32	\$228,520.37
November	2003	\$786,440.00	\$504,874.37	64.20%	\$49,892.14	\$231,673.49
December	2003	\$859,822.50	\$586,436.75	68.20%	\$53,637.16	\$219,748.59
January	2004	\$935,565.00	\$637,553.87	68.15%	\$48,592.34	\$249,418.79
February	2004	\$870,797.50	\$584,436.00	67.12%	\$48,469.88	\$237,891.62
March	2004	\$897,562.50	\$623,268.49	69.44%	\$51,800.45	\$222,493.56
April	2004	\$953,925.20	\$563,012.69	59.02%	\$126,137.06	\$264,775.45
May	2004	\$939,400.65	\$570,459.86	60.73%	\$124,034.90	\$244,905.89
June	2004	\$899,086.40	\$530,322.07	58.98%	\$117,070.63	\$251,693.70
July	2004	\$882,709.45	\$536,089.45	60.73%	\$111,236.83	\$235,383.17
August	2004	\$889,344.55	\$531,825.17	59.80%	\$115,349.22	\$242,170.16
September	2004	\$1,094,766.65	\$648,063.78	59.20%	\$138,301.93	\$308,400.94
		\$10,798,882.90	\$6,823,695.31	63.19%	\$1,038,111.86	\$2,937,075.73
Total		\$20,288,270.40	\$13,291,675.25	65.5%	\$1,578,821.88	\$5,417,773.27

		Receipts by Payor Type - ADP Report No. AB0146				
		Self-Pay	Medicaid	Medicare	Insurance	Total
October	2002	\$19,557.35	\$13,972.09	\$209,783.86	\$259,699.88	\$503,013.18
November	2002	\$23,783.87	\$17,388.48	\$218,463.64	\$242,324.19	\$501,960.18
December	2002	\$19,117.97	\$15,971.81	\$274,762.25	\$282,589.05	\$592,441.08
January	2003	\$18,375.67	\$19,153.05	\$305,530.67	\$295,254.81	\$638,314.20
February	2003	\$24,129.03	\$20,193.68	\$296,553.57	\$273,257.56	\$614,133.84
March	2003	\$15,223.40	\$19,921.41	\$291,367.30	\$270,771.64	\$597,283.75
April	2003	\$18,190.24	\$13,567.29	\$273,908.86	\$252,051.23	\$557,717.62
May	2003	\$15,002.57	\$18,759.99	\$237,318.37	\$242,856.96	\$513,937.89
June	2003	\$8,779.52	\$20,858.89	\$232,559.02	\$233,322.89	\$495,520.32
July	2003	\$10,067.03	\$21,857.68	\$206,906.33	\$234,715.07	\$473,546.11
August	2003	\$15,729.54	\$22,318.24	\$214,522.34	\$247,221.58	\$499,791.70
September	2003	\$13,748.24	\$20,680.73	\$220,705.59	\$225,185.51	\$480,320.07
October	2003	\$10,150.47	\$26,380.24	\$248,651.14	\$222,170.96	\$507,352.81
November	2003	\$14,729.58	\$22,473.76	\$241,606.04	\$226,064.99	\$504,874.37
December	2003	\$17,997.10	\$23,228.13	\$292,668.31	\$252,543.21	\$586,436.75
January	2004	\$13,460.47	\$26,734.15	\$324,202.98	\$273,156.27	\$637,553.87
February	2004	\$12,963.95	\$22,750.31	\$290,606.49	\$258,115.25	\$584,436.00
March	2004	\$15,247.44	\$29,818.80	\$308,929.67	\$269,272.58	\$623,268.49
April	2004	\$16,237.16	\$25,758.24	\$276,876.33	\$244,140.96	\$563,012.69
May	2004	\$20,227.47	\$26,581.28	\$260,731.21	\$262,919.90	\$570,459.86
June	2004	\$23,747.72	\$27,888.57	\$240,244.90	\$238,440.88	\$530,322.07
July	2004	\$28,522.25	\$25,537.41	\$228,582.96	\$253,446.83	\$536,089.45
August	2004	\$26,261.47	\$25,798.28	\$232,438.67	\$247,326.75	\$531,825.17
September	2004	\$34,861.07	\$28,993.59	\$282,419.73	\$301,789.39	\$648,063.78
Total		\$436,110.58	\$536,586.10	\$6,210,340.23	\$6,108,638.34	\$13,291,675.25
Percent		3.28%	4.04%	46.72%	45.96%	100.00%