

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	December 17, 2019	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular
		<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
Department:	Fire-Rescue		


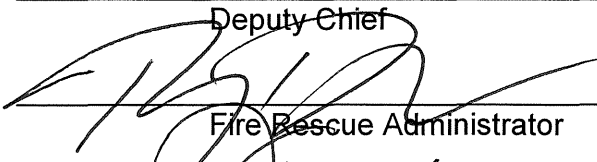
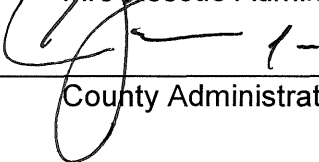
I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a budget transfer of \$350,000 within the Fire/Rescue MSTU Fund (Fund 1300) to provide additional funding to fully fund intergovernmental transfer(s) required for the Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) supplemental payment program for Medicaid managed care patients for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Summary: Recently, the State of Florida, Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) established a Medicaid supplemental program to address Medicaid payment inadequacy. The Florida Medicaid Managed Care Supplemental Payment Program (also known as the “MCO” program) will allow qualifying government owned ambulance providers to receive supplemental payments for emergency transports of Medicaid managed care patients. In order to guarantee Federal share funding, intergovernmental transfers (IGT) from PEMT providers are required to cover the State’s share of the MCO program. It is expected that for each \$1 provided by the IGT, approximately \$2.60 will be received in revenue. On September 10, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution R2019-1462 which delegates authority to execute Letter(s) of Agreement (LOA) and other documents necessary to participate in this program, up to an amount budgeted by the Board for said IGTs. The Board also approved a \$400,000 budget transfer to fund the County’s estimated IGT. With the initial estimate, the County would have received \$600,000 in Federal funding, for a total allotment of approximately \$1,000,000. Since the County’s initial estimate was prepared, AHCA revised their funding formula. These revisions have substantially increased the County’s IGT, as well as the anticipated net revenue to be received. According to the latest estimate, the County’s IGT is approximately \$750,000 and the County should receive \$1,200,000 in Federal funding, for a total allotment of \$1,950,000. This budget transfer is necessary to provide additional funding to fully fund the IGT for the State’s fiscal year 2020. The State is still in the process of finalizing the LOA and has extended to deadline to return the LOA to December 31, 2019. Countywide (SB)

Background and Justification: Palm Beach County Fire Rescue transports over 70,000 patients annually to local hospital emergency rooms, of which approximately 10% of these transports are for Medicaid patients. In 2016, the State of Florida authorized the creation of a Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) program to provide supplemental payments to public emergency medical transportation providers for Medicaid fee for service patients transported to hospitals. The PEMT CPE program helps to close the gap between actual costs incurred and revenue received for each emergency medical transport. Over the past three years, Fire Rescue has received over \$5.3 million from the PEMT CPE program. In 2019, Florida’s Legislature authorized the expansion of the PEMT program to include Medicaid managed care patients. In order to leverage the approximately 60% Federal share, qualifying government owned ambulance providers are to provide the approximately 40% State’s share through IGTs. The revenue from this program is expected to be received through the various Medicaid managed care providers for their covered patients who are transported to a hospital. The MCO program will require agreements with managed care providers, and these agreements will be presented to the Board at a later date. The MCO funding model has not yet been finalized by AHCA, and continues to be fluid as to the managed care enrollment and utilization mix for supplemental payments to transport providers. The IGT mechanism has been used for many years by AHCA to leverage additional funds for various programs.

Attachment: Budget Transfer

Recommended by:		Date	11/21/19
	Deputy Chief		
Approved by:		Date	11/22/19
	Fire Rescue Administrator		
Approved by:		Date	12-3-19
	County Administrator		

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	350,000				
External Revenues	(950,000)				
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	(600,000)				
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0				

Is Item Included in Proposed Budget? Yes X No

Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes X No

Budget Account No.: Fund 1300 Dept 440 Unit 4209 Rev Source 3401


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

The County will provide up to \$750,000 of the State's share for this Medicaid managed care supplemental payment program through an IGT in order to receive an estimated \$1,950,000 for a net revenue of approximately \$1,200,000. These figures may change as the State's funding mechanism has not been finalized. This additional revenue will be used to offset actual expenditures for emergency transports. Funding for the IGT is from the Fire/Rescue MSTU contingency reserves (1300-440-4299-9901). Currently, there is \$400,000 in the FY 2020 budget for this IGT.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: mykal moff

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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


 11/25/19
 OFMB
 11/22
 BR 11/22

A. S. Jaworski 12/2/19
Contract Development and Control
12/2/19 TW

B. Legal Sufficiency

Shirley Bann 12/3/19
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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

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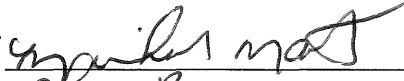
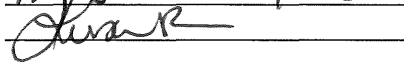
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BUDGET TRANSFER

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FUND 1300 - Fire/Rescue MSTU

ACCT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED 11/21/19	REMAINING BALANCE
<u>Appropriations & Expenditures</u>								
<u>Fire Rescue Overhead</u>								
1300-440-4209-3401	Other Contractual Services *	1,310,000	1,710,000	350,000		2,060,000	29,785	2,030,215
<u>Reserves</u>								
1300-440-4299-9901	Contingency Reserves	10,000,000	8,723,696		350,000	8,373,696		8,373,696
Total Appropriations & Expenditures		<u>447,247,216</u>	<u>447,247,216</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>447,247,216</u>		

Fire Rescue	Signatures	Date	By Board of County Commissioners At Meeting of 12/17/2019
INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION		11/21/2019	
Administration/Budget Department Approval		11/25/19	
OFMB Department - Posted			Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners