

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 8, 2020 [X] Consent [] Regular
[] Workshop [] Public Hearing

Department: Fire-Rescue

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to Approve:

- A) Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport Model (ET3) Participation Agreement for participation in the ET3 pilot program with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for a term beginning upon execution by CMS through December 31, 2027; and
- B) Delegation of authority to the County Administrator, or designee, to execute and submit supporting and supplemental documents necessary to participate in the ET3 pilot program, including certification of the accuracy, completeness and truthfulness of data and information relating to implementation of the Model and ET3 Model Interventions, and compliance with applicable Model requirements relating to ET3 Interventions.

SUMMARY: CMS is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) that is charged with administering the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The Participant is an entity that is enrolled in Medicare as an ambulance service supplier or ambulance provider. CMS is implementing the Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport Model (“ET3 Model” or “Model”) under Section 1115A of the Social Security Act (“Act”), which authorizes CMS, through its Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, to test innovation payment and service delivery models that have the potential to reduce Medicare, Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program (“CHIP”) expenditures while maintaining or improving the quality of care for Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP beneficiaries.

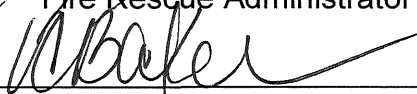
The purpose of the ET3 Model is to test whether paying for (1) Transport to an Alternative Destination and (2) Treatment in Place, each furnished to low-acuity Medicare fee for service (FFS) beneficiaries following a 9-1-1 call, will reduce avoidable transports to the hospital; of Medicare FFS beneficiaries to emergency departments and/or utilization of other Covered Services. This Agreement provides for the participation in the ET3 program for the performance period January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2025. Countywide (SB)

Background and Justification On October 2, 2019, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue applied for the ET3 program participation and was accepted into the program by CMS on February 27, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the program was pushed back to the new effective date of January 1, 2021.

Attachment: Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport Model Participation Agreement

Recommended by:  11-10-2020
Assistant Fire Chief Date

Approved by:  11/20/2020
Fire Rescue Administrator Date

Approved by:  11/24/2020
County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	*0	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Proposed Budget? Yes ___ No X
 Does this item include the use of federal funds Yes ___ No X

Budget Account No.: Fund ___ Dept ___ Unit ___ Object/Rev Source ___

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

* There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *no fiscal impact*

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

Relegha Brown 11/12/2020
 OFMB ^{KP} _{11/10} *AP 11/10*

John J. Jacobson 11/20/2020
 Contract Development and Control
 11-20-2020

B. Legal Sufficiency

Dmy B... 11/23/2020
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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