

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Ambulance Transport Services Fees

**DEPARTMENT:** Fiscal Services **DIVISION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Cindy Hall *CH* **CONTACT:** Angel Nater **EXT.** 5127

<b>Agenda Date</b> <u>4/22/03</u> <b>Regular</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Work Session</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Briefing</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing – 1:30</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing – 7:00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a resolution allowing for charges for emergency and non-emergency transport services to be automatically adjusted to coincide with the maximum Medicare approved rate(s).

**BACKGROUND:**

Medicare regularly reviews and adjusts the maximum allowable amount for reimbursement of fees for emergency and non-emergency transport services. In order to remain current, staff requests Board adoption of the attached resolution allowing charges for ambulance transport services to be automatically adjusted to coincide with the maximum Medicare approved rate(s).

<b>Reviewed by:</b>
<b>Co Atty:</b> _____
<b>DFS:</b> _____
<b>Other:</b> _____
<b>DCM:</b> <i>[Signature]</i>
<b>CM:</b> <i>[Signature]</i>
<b>File No.</b> <u>LFSA-01</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-R-\_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON  
THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, A.D., 2003.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County has the authority to issue Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the provision of emergency and non-emergency ambulance transport services for the geographical boundaries of Seminole County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to regulate fees for services within the geographical boundaries of unincorporated Seminole County; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicare regularly reviews and adjusts the maximum allowable amount for reimbursement of fees for emergency and non-emergency ambulance transport services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the maximum allowable charge for emergency and non-emergency ambulance transport services should not exceed the maximum allowable charge, as determined by Medicare

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, that the fees and charges for ambulance transport and loaded mileage shall not exceed the maximum allowable charge, as determined by Medicare, and henceforth charges for these services shall automatically be adjusted to coincide with the Medicare approved rate(s).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith by establishing fees inconsistent with those established herein are hereby repealed. All fees established herein shall go into effect May 1, 2003, with a sunset of May 1, 2006.

**ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2003**

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**MARYANNE MORSE**, Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners of  
Seminole County, Florida.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**DARYL G. MCLAIN**, Chairman

# ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

**DATE:** April 9, 2003

**DEPT./DIVISION:** Public Safety/Medical  
Quality Assurance

**CONTACT PERSON:** Angel Nater

**EXTENSION:** 5127

## **DESCRIBE PROJECT/PROPOSAL:**

Revise the current fee schedule for emergency and non-emergency ambulance transport to coincide with the allowable Medicare rates and to automatically adjust to Medicare rates when they change.

## **DESCRIBE THE DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROJECT/ PROPOSAL UPON THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY:**

This proposal will generate additional revenue for the Fire/Rescue fund and help to offset increasing operational costs.

## **DESCRIBE THE DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROJECT/ PROPOSAL UPON THE PROPERTY OWNERS/TAX PAYERS/CITIZENS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO BE AFFECTED:**

The proposal will increase the cost of ambulance transport, \* but will also reduce the need for additional tax revenues to fund increasing operating costs.

\* (97% of emergency transports are Medicare or Insurance paid)

## **IDENTIFY ANY POTENTIAL INDIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACTS, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE WHICH MIGHT OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE PROJECT PROPOSAL:**

The proposal will increase the potential revenue of ambulance providers that conduct non-emergency transport in the County.