


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-127	Meeting:	March 23, 2020
	Agenda Item:	38B	Roll Call:	20-0540
	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) of Public Funds Agreement between the Iowa Department of Human Services (IDHS) and the City of Des Moines.

SYNOPSIS:

This IGT Agreement is entered into between the IDHS and the City. It provides for an IGT of funds to the IDHS from the City in order to provide the non-federal share of the reconciled cost reimbursement amount for the uncompensated Medicaid cost associated with Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) services.

The City is authorized by House File 2285 of the 2018 Iowa Legislative session to enter and carry out an IGT Agreement to transfer funds through IGT's to the IDHS for use as the non-federal share of Medicaid expenditures.

The Fire Department must complete an annual cost report for eligibility.

Strategic Plan: Goal #1; Financially Sound City.

Strategic Plan; Goal #3; High Performing City Organization.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Estimate to be determined following submission of first annual cost report on January 31, 2020; also, future revenue based on required annual cost report.

Funding Source: GEMT Payment Program

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The GEMT Payment Program is a voluntary program that allows publicly owned or operated emergency ground ambulance transportation providers to receive supplemental payments that cover the difference between a provider's actual cost per GEMT transport and the Medicaid base payment, mileage and other sources of reimbursement. This program will apply to patients that are members of Medicaid or Medicaid Managed Care.

- Authorization of the IGT Agreement is required by March 31, 2020. Submission of the first annual cost reporting was required and accomplished by January 31, 2020.
- This agreement is an annual step in the process for the Fire Department to be enrolled in the GEMT Payment Program. It will allow the City to transfer the State of Iowa portion of the GEMT reimbursement to the IDHS on a monthly basis. Once all procedural steps are accomplished, including submission of cost reporting in January 2020 and final approval of the initial cost report, the reimbursement rate mechanisms will be applied to all Medicaid transports back to July 1, 2019. There will then be an annual process of cost reporting (late fall), IGT agreement and rate setting (early spring) for the following July.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 16, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-2028](#)

Action: [Intergovernmental](#) Transfer (IGT) of Public Funds Agreement with the Iowa Department of Human Services (IDHS). ([Council Communication No. 19-555](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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