

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS & MercyMed of Columbus
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and MercyMed of Columbus.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and MercyMed of Columbus.

Background: Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) is a healthcare delivery model that utilizes mobile resources, such as paramedics and other healthcare professionals, to provide ‘medical’ services and patient care outside of traditional healthcare settings. This approach aims to enhance access to care, improve patient outcomes, and reduce healthcare costs by delivering services directly to patients in their homes or communities. These services are acutely vital to economically disadvantaged areas of our community. By partnering a Fire Medic with a mid-level provider in a mobile unit, the Fire-EMS Department seeks to have an impact on the high utilizer group (HUG) by offering alternative medical resources and limiting EMS transports to hospital emergency rooms. This unit will transition to low acuity users. MercyMed will provide the mid-level provider for the initial service period. This resource is slated for deployment in January 2025.

Analysis: Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting authorization for the execution of the MOA associated with the partnership with MercyMed of Columbus.

Financial Considerations: There are no new expenditure of funds associated with this request.

Legal Considerations: The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to enter into this Memorandum of Agreement.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and MercyMed of Columbus.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RELATED TO MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE SERVICES JOINTLY PROVIDED BY THE COLUMBUS DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND MERCYMED OF COLUMBUS.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is seeking to offer Mobile Integrated Healthcare services to the residents of Muscogee County; and,

WHEREAS, this approach aims to enhance access to care, improve patient outcomes, and reduce healthcare costs by delivering services directly to patients in their homes; and,

WHEREAS, MercyMed of Columbus has agreed to partner with CFEMS by providing a mid-level provider in support of this program; and,

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Agreement requires no new expenditure of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement related to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and MercyMed of Columbus.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor