

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>GA Medicaid Fee for Service – Ground Ambulance Upper Payment Limit – Supplemental Payment Program</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to participate in the Georgia Medicaid Fee for Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payment Program and authorize the payment of service fees via intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the State of Georgia, as required, based on formulaic calculations derived by the Department of Community Health (DCH). The required amount will be a percentage of the total payment based on the Medicaid federal match rate. The DCH will notify the city of the IGT amount required. Upon receipt of the IGT by the State of Georgia, DCH will draw federal matching funds and make the full Medicaid supplemental payment to the city.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Fire/EMS</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to participate in the Georgia Medicaid Fee for Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payment Program and authorize the payment of service fee via intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the State of Georgia, as required, based on formulaic calculations derived by the Department of Community Health (DCH). The required amount will be a percentage of the total payment based on the Medicaid federal match rate. The DCH will notify the city of the IGT amount required. Upon receipt of the IGT by the State of Georgia, DCH will draw federal matching funds and make the full Medicaid supplemental payment to the city.

**Background:** The Georgia Medicaid Fee for Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payment Program provides additional Medicaid reimbursement to help ensure access to ambulance services for Medicaid enrollees with FFS coverage. The supplemental payment is in addition to the claim payment a provider receives when submitting FFS claims for ambulance services. The Upper Payment Limit is based on commercial payer information through the calculation of an average commercial rate for each applicable ambulance service. On an annual basis, the federal government determines the level of federal support for the Medicaid program, which is calculated as the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP).

**Analysis:** The Columbus Fire & EMS Department has participated in the Georgia Medicaid Fee for Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payment Program, resulting in additional revenue streams for the Columbus Consolidated Government. There is no financial impact to Medicaid patients.

**Financial Considerations:** Program participation requires the city to provide funds to the State of Georgia in advance via intergovernmental transfer (IGT) . The required amount will be a percentage of the total payment based on the Medicaid federal match rate. The DCH will notify the city of the IGT amount required. Upon receipt of the IGT by the State of Georgia, DCH will draw federal matching funds and make the full Medicaid supplemental payment to the city.

**Legal Considerations:** The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive these

additional funds. Council approval is required each year to participate in the program and approve the IGT payment.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to participate in the Georgia Medicaid Fee for Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payment Program and authorize the payment of service fee via intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the State of Georgia, as required, based on formulaic calculations derived by the Department of Community Health (DCH). The required amount will be a percentage of the total payment based on the Medicaid federal match rate. The DCH will notify the city of the IGT amount required. Upon receipt of the IGT by the State of Georgia, DCH will draw federal matching funds and make the full Medicaid supplemental payment to the city.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GEORGIA MEDICAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT VIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AS REQUIRED, BASED ON FORMULAIC CALCULATIONS DERIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH.**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Health established a Medicaid supplemental payment program for in-state, government-owned, hospital-affiliated, or free-standing, ground ambulance providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this program is to provide additional Medicaid reimbursement to help ensure access to ambulance services for Medicaid enrollees with Fee-for-Service coverage; and.

**WHEREAS**, the Fire & EMS Department has participated in this program, resulting in an additional revenue stream for the Columbus Consolidated Government

**WHEREAS**, program participation requires the city to first provide funds to the State of Georgia in order to receive the additional ambulance revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to participate in the Georgia Medicaid fee-for-service upper payment limit supplemental payment program and authorize payment via intergovernmental transfer to the State of Georgia, as required, based on formulaic calculations derived by the Department of Community Health.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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

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Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor