

**Staff Report**

**Subject:** Ratification of Application – Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Ground Ambulance Program  
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**Department:** Effingham County Management  
**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
**Item Description:** Ratification of the submission of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to participate in the State Fiscal Year 2025 Interim Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Ground Ambulance Program, which was submitted on September 20, 2024, to the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH).

**Summary Recommendation:**

Staff requests the Board to ratify and approve the submission of the SS4A grant application.

**Executive Summary:**

Effingham County EMS can receive supplemental payments under the UPL program for providing critical ambulance services to Medicaid recipients. This program allows for reimbursement up to the average commercial rate for ground ambulance providers. The payments are made as an interim payment, followed by a reconciliation payment based on updated data.

On September 11, 2024, the Department of Community Health notified Effingham County EMS of the opportunity to participate in the UPL program with a scheduled interim payment of \$19,943. The payment distribution is as follows:

Federal Share: \$13,170

State Share (Intergovernmental Transfer due): \$6,773

**Alternatives for the Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve the ratification of the submission of the NOI and authorize the necessary IGT.
2. Do not approve the ratification.
3. Provide staff with direction.

**Recommended Alternative:**

Staff recommends Alternative number 1

**Other Alternatives:**

N/A

**Department Review:** *(list departments)*

Effingham County Management

**Funding Source:**

The required IGT amount of \$6,773 will be transferred from the EMS budget