



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	6/27/2023
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11060 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Certification Form for the Folsom Fire Department to Participate in a Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Program with the California Department of Health Services (DHCS) for Reimbursement of PP-GEMT IGT services for the Service Period of January 1, 2023, Through December 31, 2023 and Make Transfers not to Exceed \$300,738
FROM:	Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Fire Department recommends that the City Council pass and approve Resolution No. 11060 – A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a certification form for the Folsom Fire Department to participate in a Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program with the California Department of Health Services (DHCS) for reimbursement of PP-GEMT IGT services for the service period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 and make transfers not to exceed \$300,738

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

In accordance with California Assembly Bill 1705 (Chapter 544, Statutes of 2019), the Department of Health Care Services developed the Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Intergovernmental Transfer Program (PP-GEMT IGT) to provide reimbursements, by application of an add-on increase, to emergency medical transports provided by eligible public PP-GEMT IGT providers. This program started on January 1, 2023, and replaces the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program (GEMT), which ended on December 31, 2022. The City of Folsom previously participated in the GEMT annually since 2009.

Both the former GEMT and the newer PP-GEMT IGT are programs to assist the City of Folsom in recovering costs associated with the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to individuals who are covered by Medi-Cal. While PP-GEMT IGT and the former GEMT share a

name, the funding sources that support each program are not the same. GEMT relied on State revenue, while PP-GEMT relies on Federal revenues. This change in funding structure allows PP-GEMT to increase revenues, potentially resulting in additional annual funding for the City of Folsom.

POLICY / RULE

Section 2.36.080, Award of Contracts of the Folsom Municipal Code states, in part, that contracts for supplies, equipment, services, and construction with an estimated value of \$70,952 or greater shall be awarded by City Council.

Provider Participation Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requires approval by the City Council.

ANALYSIS

Participation in the PP-GEMT IGT program is mandatory for public provider agencies and provides an important opportunity for the City of Folsom to collect additional ambulance transport fees that would otherwise be unavailable. Mandatory participation requires the City of Folsom to collect and receive these additional ambulance transport fees for each Medi-Cal transport the Folsom Fire Department provides.

While the PP-GEMT IGT program is mandatory, cities, counties, and other public providers in the State may optionally transfer funds to the State to support the program. This optional transfer, also referred to as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), allows the PP-GEMT IGT program to secure Federal matching funds that are the basis for providing additional add-on revenues for each Medi-Cal patient transported. Without these matching funds from public providers, the State would not have adequate funds to receive the Federal match. While the IGT is optional, staff recommends the City of Folsom provide the IGT to ensure ongoing revenues associated with PP-GEMT IGT continue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Yearly costs and benefits from the program to the City of Folsom are dependent on Medi-Cal transports the Fire Department provides in a calendar year. Using previous year Medi-Cal transport data, it is estimated that the City of Folsom's 2023 IGT to the State will be \$273,397.95. Participating in the PP-GEMT IGT program preserves an estimated \$900,000 annually that would not be available should the City decide not to provide the IGT to DHCS. Revenue from the program is directly related to the number of Medi-Cal transports that the Fire Department provides each year.

The PP-GEMT IGT Certification Form lists an initial transfer of \$91,132.65, which is the first of three transfers this calendar year totaling an estimated \$273,398. Staff recommends the Council authorize total transfers not to exceed \$300,738 which would account for a 10% contingency in

the event that fewer agencies participate or the Fire Department transports additional Medi-Cal patients, both of which could lead to higher transfers than expected.

Funding for the prior GEMT program is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operating Budget. There are sufficient funds for this contract in the Fire Department in the General Fund (Fund 010).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This report concerns administrative activities that do not constitute a “project” as defined by section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and is otherwise exempt pursuant to sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(2).

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Number 11060 – A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a certification form for the Folsom Fire Department to participate in a Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program with the California Department of Health Services (DHCS) for reimbursement of PP-GEMT IGT services for the service period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 and make transfers not to exceed \$300,738
2. Department of Health Care Services Public Provider Intergovernmental Transfer Program for Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Services Certification Form for State Calendar Year 2023

Submitted,

Ken Cusano, Fire Chief

Attachment 1

Resolution No. 11060 – A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a certification form for the Folsom Fire Department to participate in a Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program with the California Department of Health Services (DHCS) for reimbursement of PP-GEMT IGT services for the service period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 and make transfers not to exceed \$300,738

RESOLUTION NO. 11060

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATION FORM FOR THE FOLSOM FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEDI-CAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER (IGT) PROGRAM WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHCS) FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PP-GEMT IGT SERVICES FOR THE SERVICE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND MAKE TRANSFERS NOT TO EXCEED \$300,738

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom, through its Fire Department, regularly provides emergency ambulance transport to persons who are Medi-Cal patients enrolled in managed care and fee-for-service plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom participates in various governmental programs that provide reimbursement of costs incurred in providing such emergency services to Medi-Cal patients; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Assembly Bill 1705 (Chapter 544, Statutes of 2019), the Department of Health Care Services developed the Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Intergovernmental Transfer Program (PP-GEMT IGT) to provide reimbursements, by application of an add-on increase, to emergency medical transports provided by eligible public PP-GEMT IGT providers; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program, the City of Folsom will continue to receive reimbursements for a larger proportion of its actual costs for providing emergency ambulance transport to Medi-Cal patients enrolled in managed care and fee-for-service plans; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the FY 2023-24 Fire Department budget in the General Fund (Fund 010); and

WHEREAS, under the Intergovernmental Transfer Program certification form, the funds shall be transferred in accordance with a mutually agreed-upon schedule between the City of Folsom and DHCS, and in a form acceptable to the City Attorney;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Department of Health Care Services Regarding Participation in the Medi-Cal Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Services Public Provider Intergovernmental Transfer Program for the total not-to-exceed amount of \$273,398 with the budgeted amount to include a 10% contingency of \$27,340 for a total of \$300,738.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of June 2023, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):
NOES: Councilmember(s):
ABSENT: Councilmember(s):
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

Rosario Rodriguez, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

Attachment 2

Department of Health Care Services Public Provider Intergovernmental Transfer Program for
Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Services Certification Form for State Calendar Year
2023

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
PUBLIC PROVIDER INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER PROGRAM FOR
GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
CERTIFICATION FORM FOR STATE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

I, the undersigned, hereby declare and certify on behalf of City of Folsom (the "Public Entity") as follows:

1. As a public administrator, a public officer, or other public individual, I am duly authorized to make this certification.
2. The Public Entity elects to make this intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) as a voluntary contribution to the non-federal share of Medi-Cal expenditures for purposes of Assembly Bill 1705 (2019) pursuant to Sections 14105.94, 14105.945, 14129, 14129.3, and 14164 of the Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code. All funds transferred pursuant to this certification qualify for federal financial participation (FFP) pursuant to Section 1903(w) of the Social Security Act and Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 433 Subpart B, and are not derived from impermissible sources such as recycled Medicaid payments, federal money excluded from use as the non-federal share, impermissible health care-related taxes, or non-bona fide provider-related donations.
3. Voluntary contributions attributable to the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, will be made via recurring transfers as indicated on the invoices provided to the Public Entity by DHCS. The Public Entity acknowledges that any transfers made pursuant to this certification during this time period are considered an elective IGT made pursuant to W&I Code sections 14105.945 and 14164, to be used by DHCS, subject to paragraph four herein, exclusively as the source for the non-federal share of ground emergency medical transport public provider supplemental payments in both Medi-Cal fee-for-service payments and the portion of the risk-based capitation rate to Medi-Cal managed care health plans associated with reimbursement made in accordance with Section 14105.945, subdivision (h)(1) (hereafter, the AB 1705 Public Provider (PP) Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Program, or the PP-GEMT IGT Program), and DHCS costs associated with administering the PP-GEMT IGT Program.
4. DHCS may accept this voluntary contribution to the extent it is able to obtain FFP for the PP-GEMT IGT Program as permitted by federal law. In the event DHCS is unable to obtain FFP for the PP-GEMT IGT Program, or the full payments cannot otherwise be made to and retained by eligible public providers, and, therefore, all or a portion of the transferred amount cannot be used as the non-federal share of payments, DHCS will notify the Public Entity via e-mail and return the applicable portion of the unused IGT amount, no later than 90 days after such notification.
5. The Public Entity acknowledges that, in accordance with W&I Code section 14105.945, subdivision (h)(2), upon CMS approval, DHCS shall assess a ten percent (10%) fee on each transfer of public funds to the state to pay for health care

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coverage and to reimburse DHCS its costs associated with administering the PP-GEMT IGT Program.

6. The Public Entity acknowledges that the IGT is to be used by DHCS for the filing of a claim with the federal government for federal funds and understands that any misrepresentation regarding the IGT may violate federal and state law.
7. The Public Entity acknowledges that all records of funds transferred are subject to review and audit upon DHCS' request. The Public Entity will maintain documentation supporting the allowable funding source of the IGTs.
8. Upon notice from the federal government of a disallowance or deferral related to this IGT, the Public Entity responsible for this IGT shall be the entity responsible for the federal portion of that expenditure.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that the known filing of a false or fraudulent claim, or making false statements in support of a claim, may violate the Federal False Claims Act or other applicable statute and federal law and may be punishable thereunder.

Executed on this 1st day of June , 2023 at Folsom , California.

Signature of Authorized Person: _____

Name of Authorized Person: Elaine Andersen

Title of Authorized Person: City Manager

Name of Public Entity: City of Folsom

NPI of Public Entity: 1619974144

Amount of IGT: \$91,132.65

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