



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.6.

1/21/2020

Subject:

Request to Write-Off Uncollectible Ambulance FY 18/19

Fiscal Impact:

The removal of receivables in the amount of \$9,782,255.49 from the financial statements does not preclude continuing efforts to collect the receivables in future years. In accordance with County Policy BCC-37, Fire Rescue sends appropriate uncollected accounts to a collection agency for further action. The Medicare/Medicaid/Champus \$15,190,252.92 is not forwarded to the collection agency as it is the contractual write off amount.

Annually, during BCFR's budget development process, EMS billing revenue is forecasted based on historical net revenue received from EMS account receivables. Revenue forecasting in this manner takes into consideration the write-offs from contractual adjustments and uncollected billing charges.

Dept/Office:

Fire Rescue

Requested Action:

The Fire Rescue Department requests, in accordance with Ordinance No. 79-21, that the Board approve the FY 2018-2019 uncollectible EMS accounts receivable write-off as noted below.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The removal of these Emergency Medical Services (EMS) accounts receivable is in accordance with Ordinance 79-21 and generally accepted accounting principles. A specific listing of each account is available from Fire Rescue upon request. A file containing all the County's uncollectible receivables shall be maintained by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, as required by ordinance.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS):

Appropriate Accounts for a Financial Write-Off

The EMS write-off is a balance sheet financial write-off only. Even though this write-off occurs annually, the County, through the actions of its billing service provider and debt collection agency, Intermedix and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP respectively, continues to pursue collections of these accounts. This portion of the write-off consists of accounts that were appropriate for referral for a financial write-off after up to five attempts to collect were made. These accounts have "Dates of Service" through September 2018. The write-off amount of \$9,782,255.49 reflects those accounts that are no longer 177

current (older than 1 year). This allows EMS to update receivable reporting for patients that are current only.

Medicare/Medicaid/Champus Contractual Write-Off

The EMS write-off is a balance sheet financial write-off only. The Medicare/Medicaid/Champus write-offs are based upon required contractual adjustments. These write-offs are the difference in what BCFR bills for service and what Medicare, Medicaid and Champus agree to pay contractually. The annual write-off figures for these accounts are the annual total (through September 2018) of the amounts of mandatory write-offs applied to Medicare, Medicaid or Champus accounts. The amount of \$15,190,252.92 is the contractual write-off figure from the monthly Intermedix reports "Management Summary Report".

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



January 22, 2020

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mark Schollmeyer, Fire Rescue Attn: Pamela Barrett

RE: Item F.6., Request to Write-Off Uncollectible Ambulance FY18/19

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 21, 2020, approved the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 uncollectible Emergency Medical Services (EMS) accounts receivable write-off.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK**

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Finance
Budget

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT **Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Uncollectible Ambulance Write-Off**

Appropriate Accounts for a Financial Write-Off

Accounts receivable balance as of 09/30/19

Amount

Minus:

\$ 39,519,682.70 As per SAP report

Current accounts receivables as of 09/30/19

\$ (14,547,174.29) As per ADPI AD2020 report 09/30/19

Medicaid/Medicare/Champus contractual write-offs FY 18-19

\$ (15,190,252.92) see below

Amount to adjust in SAP as 09/30/19

\$ 9,782,255.49

Medicare/Medicaid/Champus Contractual Write-Off

Write-offs balance as 09/30/19

\$ 15,190,252.92 As per ADPI Management Summary

Amount to adjust in SAP as 09/30/19

\$ 15,190,252.92

Summary

Appropriate Accounts for a Financial Write-Off

\$ 9,782,255.49

Medicare/Medicaid/Champus Contractual Write-Off

\$ 15,190,252.92

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Uncollectible Ambulance Write-Off

\$ 24,972,508.41

Approved by :



Mark Schollmeyer,
Fire Rescue Chief

12/23/2019

Date



Kathleen Prothman
Assistant County Finance Director

12/20/19

Date