



AGENDA REPORT
February 12, 2019

Request to Write-Off Uncollected Ambulance charges FY 17/18

SUBJECT:

Request to Write-Off Uncollected EMS Ambulance charges FY 17/18

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact from this Action

DEPT/OFFICE:

Fire Rescue

REQUESTED ACTION:

The Fire Rescue Department requests, in accordance with Ordinance No. 79-21, that the Board approve the FY 2017-2018 uncollectible EMS accounts receivable write-off as noted below.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

The removal of 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. In summary, Private Collection requested write offs total \$7,477,967.15. Medicare/Medicaid/Champus contractual requested write offs total \$10,343,969.09.

Private Collections: 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 Intermedix and Penn Credit, the County's collection agencies, continue to pursue collections. This portion of the write-off consists of accounts that had five collection attempts. These accounts have "Dates of Service" through September 2017. The write-off amount of \$7,477,967.15 reflects those accounts that are no longer current (older than 1 year). This allows EMS to update receivable reporting for patients that are current.

Medicare/Medicaid/Champus Contractual: The EMS write-off is a balance sheet financial write-off only. The Medicare/Medicaid/Champus write-offs are based on 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 2017). The amount of \$10,343,969.09 is the contractual write-off figure from the monthly Intermedix reports

"Management Summary Report".

FISCAL IMPACT: The removal of receivables in the amount of \$7,477,967.15 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 write off of \$10,343,969.09 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.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Mark Schollmeyer, Fire Rescue Director

RE: Item F.15., Request to Write-Off Uncollected Ambulance Charges FY 2017-2018

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 12, 2019, approved the FY 2017-2018 uncollectible Emergency Medical Services (EMS) accounts receivable write-off.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

cc: Finance

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Uncollectible Ambulance Write-Off

Appropriate Accounts for a Financial Write-Off

	Amount	
Accounts receivable balance as of 09/30/18	\$ 33,897,677.66	As per SAP report
Minus:		
Current accounts receivables as of 09/30/18	\$ (16,075,741.42)	As per ADPI AB2020 report 09/30/18
Medicaid/Medicare/Champus contractual write-offs FY 17-18	\$ (10,343,969.09)	see below
Amount to adjust in SAP as 09/30/18	\$ 7,477,967.15	

Medicare/Medicaid/Champus Contractual Write-Off

Write-offs balance as 09/30/18	\$ 10,343,969.09	As per ADPI Management Summary
Amount to adjust in SAP as 09/30/18	\$ 10,343,969.09	

Summary

Appropriate Accounts for a Financial Write-Off	\$ 7,477,967.15
Medicare/Medicaid/Champus Contractual Write-Off	\$ 10,343,969.09
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Uncollectible Ambulance Write-Off	\$ 17,821,936.24

Approved by :



Mark Schollmeyer,
Fire Rescue Chief

01-17-2019
Date



Kathleen Prothman
Assistant County Finance Director

1-10-19
Date