



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
Way  
Viera, FL 32940

## Consent

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F.10.

2/6/2024

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### **Subject:**

Board Approval, Annual Request to Write-Off Uncollectible Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Ambulance Fees for FY22-23

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The total amount for FY22-23 in Uncollectible Ambulance Write-Off is \$28,102,022.95 in two EMS accounts: (1) Uncollectible Financial and (2) Medicare/Medicaid/Champus Write-Offs.

- (1) \$11,143,312.47 is being requested to be removed from Uncollectible Financial Write-Offs. This 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.
- (2) \$16,958,710.48 is being requested to be removed from Medicare/Medicaid/Champus and is not forwarded to the collection agency as it is in the contractual write off amount.

### **Dept/Office:**

Public Safety Group: Brevard County Fire Rescue

### **Requested Action:**

The Fire Rescue Department requests, in accordance with Ordinance No.79-21, the Board approve the FY2022-2023 uncollectible EMS accounts receivable write-off as noted above.

### **Summary Explanation and Background:**

The removal of these Emergency Medical Services (EMS) accounts receivable is in accordance with Ordinance No.79-21 and accepted accounting principles. The department annually requests this approval action from the Board.

#### **Appropriate Accounts for Financial Write-Off**

The EMS write-off is a balance sheet financial write-off only. The write-off amount reflects those accounts that are no longer current (older than one year), have been sent to a collection agency or are otherwise uncollectible. EMS then updates receivable reporting for current patients.

#### **Medicare/Medicaid/Champus Contractual Write-Off**

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.

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

File to County uncollectible receivables



February 7, 2024

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Chief Patrick Voltaire, Fire Rescue Director

**RE:** Item F.10., Board Approval of Annual Request to Write-Off Uncollectible Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Ambulance Fees for FY22-23

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 6, 2024, in accordance with Ordinance No. 79-21, approved the FY2022-2023 uncollectible EMS accounts receivable write-off as noted on the Agenda Report. Enclosed is the Agenda Report.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK**

*for: Donna Scott*  
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Encl. (1)

**cc:** Public Safety Director  
Finance  
Budget

**FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT**  
**Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Uncollectible Ambulance Write-Off**

**Appropriate Accounts for a Financial Write-Off**

Amount

Medicare/Medicaid/Champus Contractual writoffs	\$	16,958,710.48
Accounts Sent to Collection Agencies during FY 2022-2023	\$	9,552,297.49
Miscellaneous writeoffs (closed accounts, small balances, bad addresses etc)	\$	1,591,014.98

<b>Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Uncollectible Ambulance Write-Off</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,102,022.95</b>
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Approved by :



Patrick Voltaire  
Fire Rescue Chief

1-22-24

Date



Kathleen Prothman  
County Finance Director

1/18/24

Date