Upcoming City Council Agenda Item

Memorandum



Date:

September 21, 2012

To:

Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject:

Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has authorized a program to allow approved governmental ambulance providers to submit an annual cost report and receive supplemental payments for the cost of providing ambulatory services to patients with Medicaid insurance. To participate in the program, providers are required to submit a detailed cost analysis to the HHSC, which is used to determine the amount to be reimbursed at the end of the fiscal year. Providers are also required to comply with federal and state reimbursement guidelines, while also creating complete administrative rules to govern the program.

The Dallas Fire-Rescue Department is seeking to engage Public Consulting Group to assist in the implementation of this program. The vendor was selected following a competitive bid process, and is currently implementing the same program in Houston, San Antonio, and Austin. The anticipated annual revenue for Dallas Fire-Rescue's participation in this program is approximately \$2.4m beginning in FY 13-14.

Seeking favorable recommendation, the Medicaid Supplement Payment Program will be on the City Council Agenda on October 10, 2012.

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