

Late Backup

Budget Rider for Budget Concept Item S-20

Reallocation of Funds

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| Item | Description | General Fund | One-Time Funds | Other Funds |
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| S-20 | Repurpose partial funding for EMS Service Delivery Model Study | \$175K reallocation | | |

Title: A budget rider reducing the funding of an EMS Service Delivery Mode/Efficiency Study from \$250,000 to \$75,000, reallocating \$175,000 to Electronic Patient Care Report Solutions. Updated based on Council discussion on 9/4/17.

Detail: The revised study meets EMS' research needs regarding service delivery into the future. The following is the proposed scope of work:

Research, identify and assist EMS in implementing alternative concepts to improve population health, address high costs by reducing preventable emergency room visits and readmissions, and increase the financial sustainability of EMS departments. Collaborate with national experts on cutting edge EMS service delivery innovations, including Dell Medical School, LBJ School of Public Affairs, and the national planning project **EMS Agenda 2050**, which is contracted by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's Office of EMS and supported by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Health Affairs, EMS for Children Program at the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Specific areas would include these six:

1. Investigate options for pricing new services such as readmission reduction.
2. Investigate methods EMS can employ to improve collection of fees.
3. Investigate, develop and assist EMS in implementing and participating in alternatives to standard Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) payment programs including with private payers and/or CMS pilot programs for reimbursement of community paramedic services.
4. Investigate opportunities to receive payment for innovative services and methods for implementing those opportunities.

5. Project should be informed by research being done by ***EMS Agenda 2050***, looking into alternative concepts that improve population health and increase the financial sustainability of EMS departments.

6. Consider synergies with the Austin Fire Department's mission and service in order to identify collaborations and possibly enhancing capabilities such as HOST as population health service delivery modalities evolve and are enhanced.