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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3467, Agenda Item #: 14.

11/12/2020

Posting Language

Approve execution of a Participation Agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for participation in the Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport Model (ET3 Model), and approve negotiation and execution of all related agreements with Qualified Health Practitioners and Alternate Destinations necessary or desirable for participation in the ET3 Model.

Lead Department

Emergency Medical Services.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has designed a new innovation program known as the Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport Model, or the ET3 Model. The ET3 Model will provide greater flexibility to ambulance care teams to address the emergency health care needs of Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiaries following a 911 call. The goals of the ET3 Model are to encourage appropriate utilization of emergency medical services; to increase efficiency in the EMS System; and to provide person-centered care at the most appropriate care level.

The 5-year project will encourage EMS providers to use alternative destinations such as urgent care centers instead of emergency departments, treatment-in-place options using healthcare providers such as physician assistants, and to implement telehealth services.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.