



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the North Port Commission

**FROM:** A. Jerome Fletcher II, ICMA-CM, MPA, City Manager

**TITLE:** Approve the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System Reporting Service Agreement and Business Associate Agreement at Rider D Between Digitech Computer LLC and the City of North Port in the Amount of \$35,000.

### **Recommended Action**

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### **Background Information**

In accordance with section 1834(I)(17) of the Social Security Act, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is collecting cost, revenue, utilization, and other information from ground ambulance organizations to determine if Medicare payment for ground ambulance services are adequate. North Port Fire Rescue must collect information over a continuous 12-month data collection period starting in 2023 and submit in the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System (GADCS). Failure to complete this will result in a 10 percent reduction in our Medicare Part B Ambulance Fee Schedule payment for one year, which will be a loss in revenue for the General Fund.

The attached agreement is to engage with Digitech Computer LLC "Digitech" to complete the data collection, submission and certification for GADCS. Digitech is North Port Fire Rescue's current third-party billing company, whom have readily available access to the data being requested. In addition, Digitech currently collects the same data to complete our annual Medicaid Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) cost reporting.

This item has been reviewed and approved to form by the City Attorney's Office.

### **Strategic Plan**

Safe Community

### **Financial Impact**

Funding has been requested in the FY 2024-25 budget in account 001-2222-526.31-05.

### **Procurement**

Procurement code, policies and procedures will be followed when the purchase is made.

Attachments:

1. GADCS Agreement

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