



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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**Legislative File No: 2024-0178**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Sean Canto, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services  
**DATE:** March 25, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT)

**REQUEST:**

City of Rochester Hills City Council Resolution of Support for implementation of the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program in Michigan.

**BACKGROUND:**

GEMT is a voluntary program available to emergency medical transportation providers operated by or for any governmental entity. Local governing bodies have the option to choose whether or not they participate in the program. Each community can evaluate the expected benefits received with provider capacity and costs of program participation. GEMT programs are entitlement programs are part of the federal Medicaid System. They operate as part of the Social Security Act Title XIX and have been in use since 1965. There are no current plans to repeal or withdraw funds from providing this benefit. Michigan does not participate in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program, which provides millions of dollars to local agencies for transportation of Medicaid patients. Ambulance services provide THOUSANDS of medical transportation trips for 2.7 MILLION MEDICAID ENROLLEES in Michigan that DO NOT receive the full reimbursement available from the federal government.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Rochester Hills City Council through this resolution urges the Michigan State Legislature to adopt legislation directing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to enroll in the GEMT program through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services State Plan Amendment process.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney  Yes  N/A