



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Agreement between Alachua County and Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc.

Presenter:

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Description:

Agreement between Alachua County and Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc. for reimbursement of ambulance service claims at the Medicare allowable amount

Recommended Action:

Approve the Agreement between Alachua County and Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc. for reimbursement of ambulance service claims at the Medicare allowable amount.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

The agreement will ensure that Community Hospice pays claims at the Medicare allowable rate, the standard rate for a Medicare patient claim (091.54.5450.342.6001 Charges for Services Ambulance Regular).

Staff recommends approving the agreement to allow ambulance claim reimbursement by Community Hospice of Northeast Florida at the Medicare allowable amount.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

Alachua County Fire Rescue provides ambulance services to patients who are under the care of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, a non-profit Florida corporation engaged in the provision of interdisciplinary services for the management of terminal illness and other palliative care. Ambulance services provided to these patients would otherwise be billed to, and paid by, Medicare; however, when a patient elects hospice care, the hospice becomes responsible for some of the patient's health care services, including some ambulance services. Hospice providers often establish reimbursement agreements with healthcare providers at, or even below, the Medicare allowable rate. This agreement will establish a rate agreement that ensures payment is equal to the Medicare rate.