

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights Fire Department provides Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) services for City residents, which includes many Medicaid beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the GEMT program available through the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services provides reimbursement to public providers for services provided to Medicaid patients; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan is not currently participating in the GEMT program, which is a voluntary enrollment program at both the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, according to the US Census Bureau, approximately 13.8% of residents within the City of Madison Heights are Medicaid recipient; and

WHEREAS, the emergency services sector has struggled with workforce retention and recruiting in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the GEMT program will help Michigan public agencies including the City of Madison Heights retain and hire employees; and

WHEREAS, the GEMT program has shown to expand access, quality, and sustainability of emergency services for Medicaid recipients for public providers; and

WHEREAS, the MI-GEMT coalition is advocating for the passage of legislation directing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to enroll in the GEMT program; and

WHEREAS, the MI-GEMT coalition includes the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Madison Heights hereby conveys its support for efforts of the MI-GEMT coalition; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison Heights The City Council of the City of Madison Heights 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.