



**Interoffice Memorandum  
Department of City Clerk**

July 16, 2024

**To:** Darrell Stamper, Fire Chief  
**Cc:** Devin Adams, City Controller  
Mayor Kevin Coleman  
**From:** Richard LeBlanc, City Clerk  
**Re:** **Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Resolution**

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At a regular meeting of the Westland City Council held July 15, 2024, the following resolution was adopted: (2024-07-178)

“RESOLVED that Council grants adoption of Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Services Resolution.”

A signed copy of the resolution is attached.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07-178

**GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The city of Westland Fire Department provides Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) services, the beneficiaries of which are many Medicaid recipients; and,

**WHEREAS**, the GEMT Program available through the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services provides monetary reimbursement to the public providers for GEMT services rendered 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 22% of residents within the city of Westland are Medicaid recipients; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the fire department emergency medical services billing company, Accumed, 23.12% of the "Revenue by Payor" are Medicaid services; and,

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the GEMT Program in the state of Michigan has potential to yield hundreds of thousands of federal reimbursement dollars critical to maintaining quality GEMT services in and for the city of Westland; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, the GEMT Program will help Michigan municipalities, including the city of Westland, to recruit and retain firefighter/paramedics; and,

**WHEREAS**, the GEMT Program is shown to have expanded access, quality, and sustainability of emergency services for Medicaid recipients in participating states; 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 as members 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 Westland hereby affirms its support for and urges the Michigan House of Representatives, Senate and Governor to enact legislation directing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to enroll in the GEMT Medicare and Medicaid Services State Plan Amendment process.

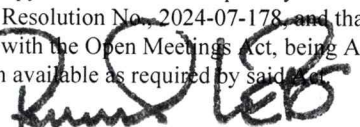
**ROLL CALL:**

**AYE:** Bauman, Hart  
Hornbuckle, Sampey,  
Wishart, McDermott

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Rutkowski

I, Richard LeBlanc, City Clerk for the City of Westland, hereby certify the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Westland, County of Wayne, at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of July, 2024, Resolution No. 2024-07-178, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been available as required by said



Richard LeBlanc, City Clerk