

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 28, 2004  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Richard M. Miller, Fire Chief  
SUBJECT: Advanced Life Support/Basic Life Support Fee Report

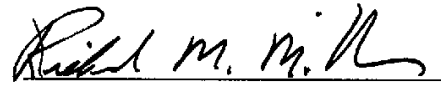
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The Board of Supervisors directed the Fire Department staff to evaluate implementing revenue recovery for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as part of the FY 06 Budget. In fact, the FY 06 Budget plan approved included revenue estimates based on a fee for EMS services.

The Fire Department determined a need for an expert to assist in understanding Medicare and Medicaid rules, as well as permissible charges for EMS services in the health insurance industry. As a result, James City County entered into a contract with Diversified Ambulance Billing to provide consultation services on EMS revenue recovery programs and billing for ambulance services. The Department interviewed other localities conducting revenue recovery programs and collected best practices of established fee for service programs across Virginia.

We have prepared for the Work Session a Power Point presentation that illustrates our cost to provide service, why revenue recovery is being used by more and more localities, and how revenue recovery programs are structured. Recommendations on a program for James City County are provided for your discussion during the Work Session.

I will be glad to answer any questions.

  
Richard M. Miller

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