

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF FORSYTH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES' PARTICIPATION IN THE EMERGENCY TRIAGE, TREAT, AND TRANSPORT (ET3) MODEL PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (EMERGENCY SERVICES)

WHEREAS Forsyth County Emergency Services provides and is relied upon for emergency medical response to include Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS), and Community Paramedicine;

WHEREAS Forsyth County Emergency Services responded to 47,751 9-1-1 calls in FY2019;

WHEREAS Forsyth County Emergency Services frequently encounters calls where paramedics and emergency medical technicians treat patients at their homes without transporting them to a hospital because the medics resolved the matter at the scene, the patient refuses transport, or an alternative placement facility other than a hospital emergency room is deemed more appropriate;

WHEREAS Forsyth County Emergency Services does not receive Medicaid or Medicare reimbursement for transports outside of the hospital emergency room setting;

WHEREAS Forsyth County Emergency Services submitted an application for consideration to be a participant in the Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model Program whereby Forsyth County can be reimbursed for treat no transport calls and placements at facilities other than hospital emergency rooms at the same rate as Forsyth County Emergency Services receives for hospital emergency room transports; and

WHEREAS Forsyth County Emergency Services is one of only five counties in the State of North Carolina and approximately 314 counties nationwide to be selected to participate in ET3;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman, the County Manager, and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, an Agreement with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to participate in the Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model Program.

Adopted this 16th day of April 2020.