

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 1, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution - Impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on Henderson County EMS

PRESENTER: Rocky Hyder

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Based on the amount of information currently published, the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act at the local EMS level is ambiguous at best. Even though specific EMS related components were seldom mentioned in the health care reform legislation, anything evoking a major change to the overall health care system will ultimately affect local EMS systems. In order to properly understand the effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on emergency medical services we need time for a comprehensive study of the intended and potential unintended consequences.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff suggests the Board consider deferral of any changes to the EMS system until a careful and comprehensive study of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act can be completed.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board defer any changes to the EMS system until a comprehensive study of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act can be completed. I further move the Board adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

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PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (PPACA) IMPACT TO EMS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) of 2010 has been ratified into law with incremental implementation through 2014 ; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act at the local EMS level both intended and unintended is ambiguous; and

WHEREAS, though specific EMS related components were seldom mentioned in the legislation, anything evoking a major change to the overall health care system will ultimately affect local EMS systems; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly understand the effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on emergency medical services a comprehensive study of the intended and potential unintended consequences should be completed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners hereby formally requests the Federal Government provide explanation of the responsibilities and additional expenses local governments, including Emergency Medical Services, can expect as a result of the full implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

Adopted this the 1st day of April, 2013.

CHARLIE MESSER, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD