

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: APRIL 16, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 9

**SUBJECT: 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)**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:** Recommend Approval

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:** See Attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: J. Dudley Watts, Jr. /AMS DATE: April 14, 2020  
COUNTY MANAGER

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**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.