

RESOLUTION NO. 342
A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO ADOPT HOUSE BILL NO. 3556/SENATE BILL NO. 3705

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Bureau of TennCare inequitably reimburses emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Bureau of TennCare pays more per call and per mile to a newly formed ambulance service than it does to a previously established ambulance service for the exact same call; and

WHEREAS, both emergency medical services headquartered in Hawkins County, Tennessee are previously established existing services that are discriminated against by the current reimbursement scheme followed by TennCare as noted above; and

WHEREAS, a substantial number of Hawkins Countians rely upon TennCare for reimbursement to emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, all Hawkins Countians have to subsidize the two emergency medical services organizations headquartered within the county through local tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, for many citizens of Hawkins County, Tennessee, have no health insurance to pay for emergency medical services provided freely by Hawkins County EMS and Church Hill EMS; and

WHEREAS, State Representatives Godsey and Vaughn and State Senator Ramsey are to be commended for introducing legislation to correct the ambulance reimbursement inequities noted above;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN FOR THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The 104th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee is urged to adopt House Bill No. 3556/Senate Bill No. 3705.

2. For the sake of the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Hawkins County who already subsidize emergency medical service, an equitable reimbursement schedule for ambulance services should be adopted, *post haste*.

5. This resolution shall take effect upon passage, the public welfare requiring it this 28 day of March, 2006.

HOUSE BILL 3556

By Godsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 5, relative to medical transportation
services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 71-5-149. Providers of emergency and non-emergency air and ground
transportation services for TennCare enrollees shall be reimbursed by the bureau of
TennCare for eligible services at the same amount such services would be reimbursed
by medicare.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED FIRST READING: March 28, 2006


GARY LAWSON
MAYOR

ATTEST:


NANCY CARTER
TOWN RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JOSEPH MAY
TOWN ATTORNEY

FIRST READING	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
CARL WOLFE	✓		
HENRY BAILEY	✓		
EUGENE CHRISTIAN, VICE-MAYOR	✓		
TRESA MAWK			absent
GARY LAWSON, MAYOR	✓		
THOMAS WHEELER	✓		
WANDA WORLEY	✓		
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