

RESOLUTION 01-02

WHEREAS, the Madison County Fiscal Court recognizes and appreciates the valuable contribution that the Madison County EMS makes to the public safety of the citizens of Madison County, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Madison County EMS to collect reimbursement for services rendered to help defray some of the expense of providing quality EMS to the citizens of Madison County, and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Madison County Fiscal Court by the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association that Kentucky's Federal Medicare Carrier, AdminaStar-Federal, Inc. is;

1. Failing to process ambulance claims on a fair, consistent and timely basis resulting in a delay or loss of reimbursement from other third party payees or private pay parties, and;
2. Denying all non-emergency ambulance transportation claims subject to medical review resulting in extended delays in receipt of reimbursement for services rendered, and;
3. Taking between seven months to one year to process ambulance claim appeals in which 50% are ruled in favor of the ambulance provider, which is in violation of HCFA's required time frame for appeal processing, and;
4. Failing to efficiently and timely process requests for administrative action including but not limited to change of billing addresses notices and/or license renewals resulting in extended delays in receipt of reimbursement for services rendered, and

WHEREAS, the problems listed above have created a financial crisis for both ambulance providers and the units of local governments that fund and/or subsidize their operations and;

WHEREAS, this financial crisis puts the public safety of the citizens of Madison County and the Commonwealth of Kentucky at risk;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Madison County Fiscal Court supports the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association in their efforts to resolve the Medicare reimbursement crisis and does hereby request that Kentucky's Congressional delegation contact the Health Care Financing Administration and request that they immediately require AdminiaStar-Federal, Inc. to;

1. Process ambulance claims on a fair, consistent and timely basis to ensure that ambulance providers may obtain reimbursement from Medicare, other third party payees and private pay parties, and;

2. Refrain from denying all non-emergency ambulance transportation claims and initiate a system of representative sampling of claims to submit to medical review in order to significantly reduce extended delays in receipt of reimbursement for services rendered and;
3. Eliminate the back-log of ambulance claims in the appeals process and require AdminaStar-Federal, Inc. to comply with HCFA's mandated appeals processing time frame requirements, and;
4. Require AdminaStar-Federal, Inc. to efficiently process in a timely manner all requests for administrative actions.

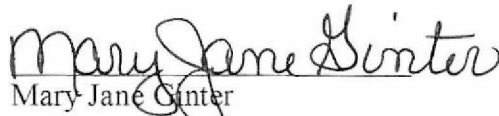
Adopted this the 23rd day of January, 2001

SIGNED:



Kent Clark
Madison County
Judge Executive

ATTEST:



Mary Jane Ginter
Madison County
Court Clerk