

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1293 (VERCHER & ROBERTS) – This resolution would approve a contract between the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Metro Nashville Fire Department for the payment of emergency transportation services for patients at the Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute (MTMHI). Under the contract, the state would pay for ambulance services under the Medicare Part B Fee Schedule or, if a service is not covered by this schedule, then at the lowest negotiated rate.

This agreement would enable the state to continue paying Metro for the services provided. The term of the contract would start July 1, 2018 and end June 30, 2019. This is a recurring contract approved each year. In 2017, the contract was approved pursuant to Resolution No. RS2017-841.

Fiscal Note: The state would pay Metro for uninsured patients transported from the facility at the rates established by the Medicare Part B fee schedule. The total amount to be paid under the contract is not to exceed \$22,000 for FY19, which is the same as the cap for FY18.

The schedule for FY18 only specified payments for "Ambulance Services". The new schedule for FY19 adds a cap of \$1,200 for these services. It also adds a schedule for "Non-Emergency Transportation". The Medicare Part B Fee Schedule or lowest negotiated rate is to be used, not to exceed \$100 per trip.