



Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$71,959.60 for the Division of Police to pay prisoner medical bills to Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospitals and to Mount Carmel Health. The Division of Police is responsible for medical care provided to prisoners in police custody. The Division of Police works with the City Attorney's office to determine if individuals were incarcerated or in the custody of the Division of Police during the specified dates of services on the medical invoices. These invoices are also reviewed by our current contractor, Careworks, who verifies all the charges on the invoices and negotiates the cost with the hospital staff.

**Contract Compliance:** Grant/ Riverside 314394942 - NPO, Mount Carmel Health 314379602 - NPO

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency legislation is requested for this ordinance in order to pay outstanding prisoner medical bills.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$71,959.60 from the General Fund for payment of prisoner medical bills (\$34,517.45) to Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospitals and (\$37,442.15) to Mount Carmel Health. The Division of Police budgeted \$700,000.00 in the 2012 General Fund budget for medical services for prisoners. With this expenditure, the Division has encumbered or spent approximately \$172,395.00 for prisoner medical claims in 2012. The Division spent or encumbered approximately \$967,430.00 for prisoner medical bills in 2011.

To authorize and direct the Director of Public Safety to pay prisoner medical bills to Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospitals and to Mount Carmel Health for the Division of Police, to authorize the expenditure of \$71,959.60 from the General Fund.

~~;~~ and to declare an emergency. (\$71,959.60)

**WHEREAS**, individuals were incarcerated or in the custody of the Division of Police during the specified dates of services on the medical invoices; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City Attorney's office, the Division of Police findings, and Careworks, the Police Division is responsible for paying the medical bills; **now therefore and**

~~WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary for payment of prisoner medical invoices to Grant/Riverside Hospitals and to Mount Carmel Health for the preservation of public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore~~

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospitals and Mount Carmel Health for prisoner medical bills.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$71,959.60, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as follows:

<u>DIV</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>OBJ LEV (1)</u>	<u>OBJ LEV (3)</u>	<u>OCA#</u>
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**SECTION 3.** ~~That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.~~

