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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Safety to extend the existing contract with Change Healthcare (formerly dba MED3000) for EMS billing, collection, and reporting services. The City entered into a contract with MED3000, Inc. via ordinance 2505-2012 in December 2012. The term of this contract is November 1, 2012 to December 31, 2018. This ordinance will allow for the extension of the current contract from December 31, 2018 to March 31, 2019, and thus allow for the completion of a Request for Proposal for EMS billing services, software, and hardware. The Division of Fire's third party EMS billing program was originally initiated via ordinance #1184-2002 passed in July 2002. MED3000 is now doing business as ChangeHealthcare under a new FID number.

Public Safety contracts the services of Change Healthcare for the billing, collection, and reporting of those who are transported to hospitals by EMS personnel for emergency medical care. These billing, collection, and reporting services have generated a multitude of patient care information used by the Fire Division to better prepare EMS response protocols and, in turn, respond to citizens in a more effective manner. The division also generates reports for various fire organizations that are catalogued nationwide. Revenue generated since inception of the program amounted to over \$180 million at the end of December 2017 and is deposited in the city's General Fund.

Contract Compliance: Change Healthcare 23-2939847 (formerly doing business as Med3000).

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested so that EMS billing, collection, and reporting services can continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation is to extend the current contract with Change Healthcare (formerly dba MED3000) for billing and collection services; there is no fiscal impact, as the term of the contract is the only modification to the current contract.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to extend the current contract with Change Healthcare for EMS billing, collection, and reporting services for the Division of Fire; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the City contracts for EMS billing, collection, and reporting services, as initiated via Ordinance #1184-2002, passed July 22, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the City entered into a contract with MED3000 via Ordinance 2505-2012, passed December 3, 2012, to continue to provide EMS billing services; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to extend the current contract with Change Healthcare, formerly dba MED3000, Inc., so that EMS billing, collection, and reporting services can continue without interruption, thereby preserving the 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 is hereby authorized to extend the existing contract between the City and Change Healthcare, formerly dba MED3000, Inc., for the Division of Fire's EMS billing, collection, and reporting services.

SECTION 2. 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 in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.