

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, January 19, 2005

SUBJECT: EMS SERVICE CHARGES

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

EMS has charged the allowable Medicare rural rate of \$8.21 per loaded mile for services since April 1, 2002. The North Carolina Ambulance Fee Schedule dated Jan 3, 2005 shows that the allowable Medicare rural rate has increased to \$8.94 per loaded mile. The 2004 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use Files reflects the updates effective for 2004 and provides information on how these fees are calculated.

We are requesting to increase our current rate from the current \$8.21 to \$8.94 per loaded mile as allowed for under Federal Regulations.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Board approve the request to increase our EMS rate to the new Federal rate.