

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPLIANCE PROGRAM & CODE OF CONDUCT: A SUPPLEMENT TO COUNTY POLICIES ASSOCIATED WITH AMBULANCE BILLING ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONS FOR AMBULANCE BILLING & FINANCIAL SERVICES AND THE EMS & FIRE ADMINISTRATION DIVISIONS

WHEREAS, Federal Register Notice Vol 62, No. 41 dated March 3, 1997 set forth a model health care industry Compliance Plan developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General intended to cultivate an environment of ethical and lawful conduct in its business operations; and

WHEREAS, Federal Register Notice Vol 68, No. 56 dated March 24, 2003 set forth Compliance Program Guidelines developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General specifically geared for Ambulance Suppliers; and

WHEREAS, utilizing guidance outlined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General Compliance Program Guidelines, Pinellas County developed and executed a Compliance Manual in 1999 and subsequently revised it in 2002 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Compliance Manual serves as a mechanism by which the County Compliance Officer and the Compliance Committee monitors compliance of ambulance billing related functions performed by Ambulance Billing & Financial Services and the EMS & Fire Divisions for uniformity with health care related State and Federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, acting as the Governing Body for the Emergency Medical Services Authority has the power to appoint a Pinellas County Compliance Officer and the members of the Compliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County has oversight and ultimate authority of the activities of the County Compliance Officer and the County Compliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the delegation of approval authority by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida to the County Administrator to approve revisions to the Compliance Manual of an operational, technical and administrative nature intended to enhance the compliance elements of the manual to consistently align with industry best practices and experience gained; and

WHEREAS, the delegation of approval authority by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida to the County Administrator shall exclude the authority to designate the Pinellas County Compliance Office or the members of the Compliance Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida:

SECTION 1. That the County Administrator be authorized to approve revisions to the Compliance Manual of an operational, technical and administrative nature intended to enhance compliance to consistently align with industry best practices in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Pinellas County Code under Article III, Division 2, relating to the County Administrator's Approval Authority.

SECTION 2. This delegated authority excludes ability of the County Administrator to appoint a Pinellas County Compliance Office or the members of the Compliance Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption as provided by law.

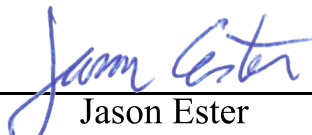
In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 11th day of December, 2018, Commissioner _____ Long _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ Gerard _____ and upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: Welch, Seel, Eggers, Gerard,
Justice, Peters, and Seel.

Nays: None.

Absent and Not Voting: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:  _____
Jason Ester
Senior Assistant County Attorney