



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Second Amendment to the Agreement with EmCare, Inc. for medical direction services.

### **Recommended Action:**

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, approve the Agreement with EmCare, Inc. for medical direction services.

- This contract provides for all medical direction services for the Pinellas County EMS system, as well as online medical control on a continual basis twenty-four hours a day / seven days a week, as required under provisions Sections 54-27 through 54-66 of the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 401 of the Florida Statutes, and Chapter 64J-2 of the Florida Administrative Code.
- The Second Amendment provides for a pilot program with Bayfront ER that will be staffed through the Medical Direction Services Agreement as EMS has this expertise and has a similar program in Hillsborough County. Funding will be combined through Human Services utilizing grant funds identified for programs to combat opioid addiction for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.
- If this pilot program is successful, future competitive processes will include staff services programs to combat opioid addiction.
- This contract was competitively solicited and awarded by the Board of County Commissioners on September 14, 2017. The First Amendment, to identify the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Tactical EMS Team as an authorized Pinellas County First Responder under the clinical oversight of the EMS Medical Director was approved by the County Administrator on June 29, 2017.

Contract No. 167-0194-P(JJ); increase in the amount of \$120,000.00 for an estimated annual estimated amount of \$838,358.00 and a revised total contract amount of \$4,191,790.00; effective through September 30, 2022; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

**Summary:**

This contract provides for all medical direction services for the Pinellas County EMS system, as well as online medical control on a continual basis twenty-four (24) hours a day / seven (7) days a week, as required under provisions Sections 54-27 through 54-66 of the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 401 of the Florida Statutes, and Chapter 64J-2 of the Florida Administrative Code.

The Second Amendment provides for a pilot program with Bayfront ER that will be staffed through the Medical Direction Services Agreement and funded thru Human Services utilizing grant funds identified for programs to combat opioid addiction.

**Background Information:**

This contract was competitively solicited and awarded by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on September 14, 2017. The First Amendment, to identify the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) Tactical EMS Team as an authorized Pinellas County First Responder under the clinical oversight of the EMS Medical Director was approved by the County Administrator on June 29, 2017.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Approved total to date expenditure not to exceed:	\$ 4,071,790.00
Second Amendment increase not to exceed:	<u>\$ 120,000.00</u>
Revised total expenditure not to exceed:	\$ 4,191,790.00

Funding is derived from Human Services, Pinellas Matters Project.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

James Fogarty, Bureau Director, Safety & Emergency Services  
Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services Department  
Merry Celeste, Division Director, Purchasing and Risk, Administrative Services  
Joe Lauro, Director, Administrative Services

**Partners:**

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
EMS Medical Director

**Attachments:**

Second Amendment