

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-402****RESOLUTION  
FOR CONTINUED COORDINATION OF  
MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION  
THROUGH FLORIDA'S COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

A RESOLUTION of the St. Johns Board of County Commissioners (Board), stating its position on certain Policies and Proposals for Legislation.

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Council on Aging is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the CTC provides non-emergency medical transportation to eligible persons under the Medicaid and Transportation Disadvantaged Programs; and

WHEREAS, the 1979 Legislature sought to improve access to transportation services by coordinating all human service transportation under one entity, the CTC; and

WHEREAS, the 1979 Legislature authorized Part I of Chapter 427, F.S. which created the coordinated transportation system and the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, both of which are award winning models for the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the President of the United States signed Executive Order #13330 to develop, implement, and maintain a coordinated community transportation system throughout the nation, which is essential for persons with disabilities, persons with low incomes, and older adults who rely on such transportation to fully participate in their communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Program started its own transportation reform program, and the Agency for Health Care Administration initiated a fixed fee contract with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Legislature initiated a separate Medicaid Reform Pilot project to begin in five counties, which included that Medicaid non-emergency transportation services be administered by Provider Service Networks and Managed Care Organizations, rather than the Community Transportation Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, when other providers are authorized to offer transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries, this creates fragmentation and duplication of services and confusion for riders; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation of transportation services may cause economies of scale to be lost and therefore raise the cost of transportation services to other state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, a single point of entry to facilitate all mobility needs of the transportation disadvantaged within the county is more efficient, less cumbersome, and citizen friendly; and

WHEREAS, the Community Transportation Coordinator already coordinates all transportation services for Medicaid beneficiaries and other Transportation Disadvantaged Programs; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of St. Johns County, many of whom are elderly, impoverished or medically needy, will experience negative outcomes if funding for medical transportation is reduced due to the rising costs of fragmenting the coordinated transportation system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. That the State Delegation is asked to support legislation that strengthens Part I of Chapter 427, F.S. and continues the transportation reform efforts from 2004 for the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Program and requires the Agency for Health Care Administration maintain the fixed fee contract with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.
2. That the State Delegation is asked to support legislation that requires that all state agencies follow the same procedures for utilizing transportation services outside of the coordinated transportation system.
3. That the State Delegation support restoring the original contact amount of \$73 million in funding to fully operate the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Program and ensure it is coordinated through the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007.

BY: [Signature]  
Chairperson, County Board of County Commissioners

Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Court

BY: [Signature]  
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 12/20/07