



**Resolution**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Columbia**  
**New York**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 161-2013**

**DATE: May 8, 2013**

**BY SUPERVISOR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**CHAIRMAN: ROY BROWN**

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA TO RETAIN SPECIAL COUNSEL  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR A MEDICAID/MEDICARE  
PROVIDER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000**

UPON, recommendation of the Public Safety Committee at a meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013; and of the Finance Committee at a meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013;

WHEREAS, the Columbia County EMS System involves a complicated and de-centralized method of billing residents, third-party insurance companies and seeking reimbursement from Medicaid and Medicare for emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the current billing method could be improved upon the obtainment of a Medicaid/Medicare Provider Identification Number by the County of Columbia to be used in conjunction with the provision of emergency medical services pursuant to the Columbia County EMS System; and

WHEREAS, Upon obtaining said Provider Identification Number, the County of Columbia could contract with participating agencies as Medicaid/Medicare Service Bureaus for the purposes of billing residents, third-party insurance companies and seeking reimbursement from Medicaid and Medicare for emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the application process for obtaining said Provider Identification Number is specialized and complex, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that special counsel can provide for said specialized services at a cost not to exceed \$5,000;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Columbia is hereby authorized to retain special counsel for the purpose of applying for a Medicaid/Medicare Provider Identification Number; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Columbia may compensate the special counsel for said services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Columbia is authorized to contract with participating EMS agencies as Medicaid/Medicare Service Bureaus for the purposes of billing residents, third-party insurance companies and seeking reimbursement from Medicaid and Medicare for emergency medical services; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Columbia County Attorney, the Columbia County EMS Coordinator, and Accounts Payable.

**Approved:**

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County Attorney

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