

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE  
CONTINUED COORDINATION OF MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY  
TRANSPORTATION THROUGH FLORIDA'S COORDINATED  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

**WHEREAS,** the Nassau County Council on Aging is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Nassau 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, Florida Statutes, 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 Nassau 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 Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 19th day of December, 2007 that:

1. The State Delegation is asked to support legislation that strengthens Part I of Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, 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. 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. The State Delegation support restoring the original contract 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.

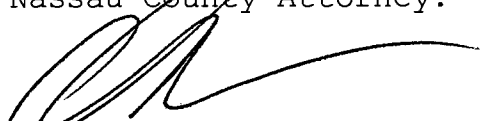
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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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JIM B. HIGGINBOTHAM  
Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's  
Signature:

  
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD

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Nassau County Attorney:

  
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