



Aycha Sawa, CPA, CIA
Comptroller

Bill Christianson
Deputy Comptroller

Toni Biscobing
Special Deputy Comptroller

Richard Bare, CPA
Special Deputy Comptroller

October 25, 2022

Honorable Mayor Cavalier Johnson and
Honorable Members of the Common Council

Re: Recognition of Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Revenue for 2023 Budget

Dear Mayor Johnson and Common Council Members,

This letter is in response to a request from the Budget Office that the Comptroller's Office evaluate the potential for revenue from the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Reimbursement Program to be recognized as part of the 2023 Budget. After reviewing all available documentation and consulting with members of the Fire Department and the Intergovernmental Relations Division, the Comptroller's Office has determined that a reasonably accurate estimate of GEMT revenue is not possible at this time. As a result, the Comptroller's Office will not recognize GEMT revenue as part of the 2023 Adopted Budget.

Development of the GEMT Reimbursement Program in Wisconsin is currently at a preliminary stage, and any revenue that may result from GEMT is impossible to estimate at this point. The State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has not yet developed nor submitted to the federal government for approval a state plan amendment for the GEMT Program. The state plan amendment would lay out the framework through which Wisconsin municipalities would be reimbursed for qualified Emergency Medical Services (EMS) costs. Without an approved plan available for review, there is no basis for the Comptroller's Office to estimate potential revenue that may result from GEMT. In addition, the timeline for federal government approval of the state plan amendment is unknown at this time.

In summary, there are far too many uncertainties surrounding the State of Wisconsin's GEMT Program for the Comptroller's Office to estimate or recognize any revenue that may result from GEMT as part of the 2023 Budget.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any additional questions or concerns.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aycha Sawa".

Aycha Sawa, CPA, CIA
Comptroller