

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**Department: Social Services**

**HB Section(s): 11.750**

**Program Name: Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT)**

**Program is found in the following core budget(s): GEMT**

### **1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

Provide access to ground emergency transportation services.

### **1b. What does this program do?**

The Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Program is a voluntary program that makes supplemental payments to eligible GEMT providers who furnish qualifying emergency ambulance services to Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (MHD) participants. Providers must agree to fund the non-federal share of GEMT uncompensated cost reimbursement using an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) payment method. MHD will make supplemental payments to qualifying ambulance providers up to the amount uncompensated by all other sources of reimbursement. Total reimbursement from MHD, including the supplemental payment, will not exceed one hundred percent of actual costs.

The GEMT program began July 1, 2017. There were 48 providers that participated in the program the first year and 75 providers in the second year. Payments for the program began in FY 2019.

#### **Reimbursement Methodology**

##### **Initial Cost Settlement**

- Each eligible GEMT provider must compute the annual cost in accordance with the Cost Determination Protocols, and must submit the completed annual as-filed cost report, to MHD within five (5) months after the close of the State's Fiscal Year (SFY).
- MHD will make initial cost settlement payments to eligible GEMT providers. The initial cost settlement payment for each provider is based on the provider's completed annual cost report in the format prescribed by the MHD and approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the applicable cost reporting year.
- To determine the GEMT payment rate, MHD must use the most recently filed cost reports of all qualifying providers. MHD will then determine an average cost per transport which will vary between the qualifying providers.

##### **Cost Settlement Process**

- The GEMT MO HealthNet Division payments and the number of transport data reported in the as-filed cost report will be reconciled to the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) reports generated for the cost reporting period within two (2) years of receipt of the as-filed cost report. The MHD will make adjustments to the as-filed cost report based on the reconciliation results of the most recently retrieved MMIS report.
- Each provider will receive payments in an amount equal to the greater of the interim payment or the total CMS approved Medicaid-allowable costs for GEMT services. The state share of the payment will be provided by an IGT payment from the provider.
- If, at the end of the final reconciliation, it is determined that the GEMT provider has been overpaid, the provider will return the overpayment to MHD, and MHD will return the overpayment to the federal government pursuant to Section 433.316 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations. If an underpayment is determined, then the GEMT provider will receive a supplemental payment in the amount of the underpayment.

This program is exempt from performance measures as it is an intergovernmental transfer.

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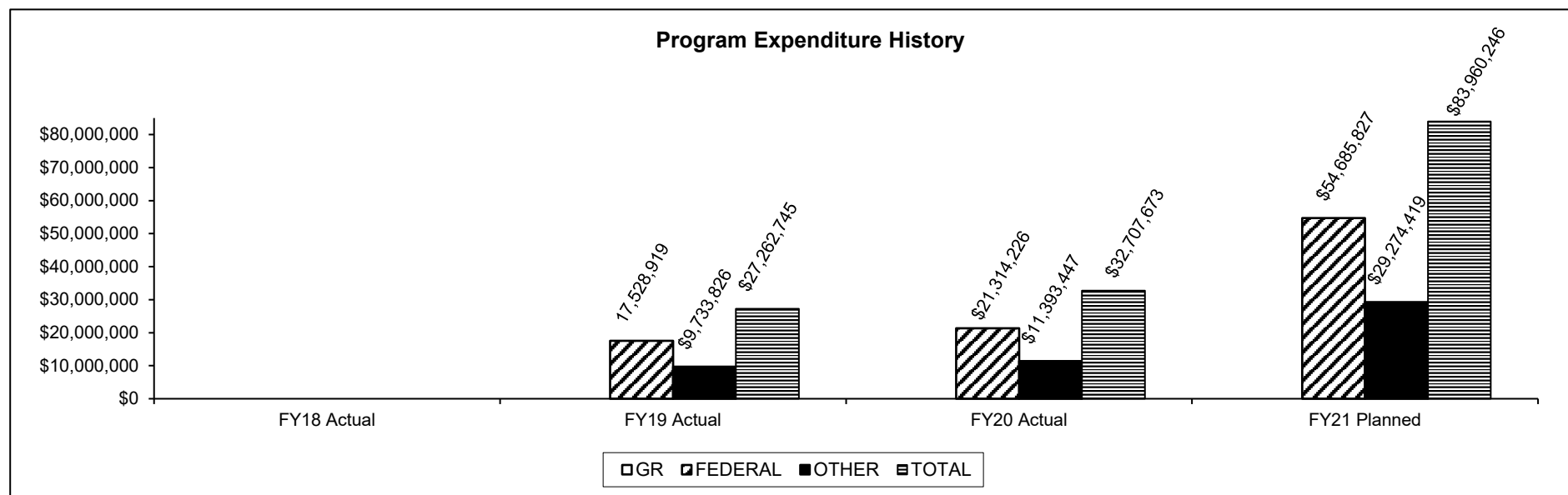
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**3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years; planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)**



**4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?**

IGT: Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Fund (0422)

**5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)**

State statute: Section 208.1030 and 208.1032, RSMo. Senate Bill 607 passed by the 98th General Assembly in 2016. Federal Regulation: Section 433.316 of Title 42.

**6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.**

The FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) fluctuates annually based on state and national economic and population data, but generally the state matching requirement is around 35% and the federal match is around 65%.

**7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.**

No.