

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-001

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOSADA FIRE DEPARTMENT OF TOWN OF
COOSADA, ALABAMA, ESTABLISHING REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR GROUND
AMBULANCE SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH ACT 2026-349 (SB269), AND
PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF SUCH RATES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH CHANGES TO THE MEDICARE AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act 2026-349 (SB269), codified in relevant part as amendments to Title 27, Code of Alabama 1975, establishing minimum reimbursement rates that health care insurers must pay to emergency medical service providers for ground ambulance services, expressed as a percentage of the Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule rate published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS"); and

WHEREAS, Act 2026-349 establishes a minimum in-network reimbursement rate of 200 percent of the applicable Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule rate for emergency ground transport, beginning October 1, 2026; a minimum in-network reimbursement rate of 200 percent of the applicable Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule rate for basic life support treat-in-place services, beginning January 1, 2027; and a minimum out-of-network reimbursement rate of 180 percent of the applicable Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule rate for covered services, beginning January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Act 2026-349 provides, at Section 2(d), that the Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule rate used for these purposes is fixed to the rate, including base rate and mileage components, published by CMS for zip code 35462, and that this benchmark applies uniformly on a statewide basis without regard to the geographic locality, population density, or actual zip code in which the ground ambulance service is furnished; and that CMS updates the Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule on a periodic basis; and

WHEREAS, the Coosada Fire Department the Town of Coosada owns and directly operates all emergency medical service providers furnishing ground ambulance services within its jurisdiction, with no such services having been outsourced or contracted to any independent third-party provider; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coosada desires to establish a reimbursement methodology, for use in billing health care insurers for ground ambulance services furnished by the Town of Coosada's emergency medical service provider(s), that is consistent with the rate structure established under Act 2026-349, and that adjusts automatically as the underlying Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule changes, without requiring further action by this governing body each time CMS updates that schedule; and

WHEREAS, the governing body finds that tying reimbursement to the statutory percentage of the then-current Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule, rather than to a fixed dollar amount, will keep

and shall not be altered by resolution of this governing body except to conform to a subsequent amendment of Act 2026-349 itself.

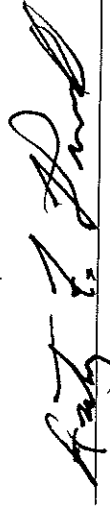
Section 4. *Payment in Full; No Additional Balance Billing.* Consistent with Section 3(a) of Act 2026-349, payment made in accordance with the rates established in this Resolution shall constitute payment in full for covered services, and no emergency medical service provider receiving reimbursement under this Resolution shall bill or seek collection of any additional amount from an enrollee or patient, except for the enrollee's applicable in-network cost-sharing amount.

Section 5. *Effective Date; Sunset.* This Resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect unless and until amended or repealed by subsequent resolution of this governing body, or until the underlying rate provisions of Act 2026-349 are repealed, amended, or expire by their own terms, whichever occurs first. The Town of Coosada shall review this Resolution's rate structure prior to any expiration or repeal date set forth in Act 2026-349, including the repeal date referenced in Section 6 of that Act, and shall take such further action as the governing body deems appropriate at that time.

Section 6. *Severability.* If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 7. *Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions.* All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ADOPTED this 22 day of September, 2026.


Mayor, Town of Coosada

ATTEST:


Town Clerk, Town of Coosada

Note: This is a drafting template, not legal advice. Bracketed terms should be completed and this Resolution should be reviewed by the [Authority/County/City]'s legal counsel before adoption, to confirm consistency with the [Authority/County/City]'s enabling statute, any applicable health benefit plan documents, and current Alabama law, including any implementing rules adopted by the Alabama Department of Public Health or Alabama Department of Insurance under Act 2026-349.