

**CITY OF SEABROOK
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07**

**ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK
CHARITY CARE POLICY**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS, ADOPTING A POLICY TO ENABLE THE CITY TO APPLY FOR TEXAS AMBULANCE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAM TO RECOVER COSTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO UNINSURED PATIENTS

WHEREAS, TASPP was established in 2009 to serve as a critical funding stream to government owned ambulance providers. On average, government owned ambulances serve a disproportionate share of Medicaid and the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid reimbursement rates only cover on average 20% of a providers cost to provide emergency medical services. Inadequate funding levels creates strains on local communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the UCC Program transitioned to a Charity Care Pool eliminating Medicaid shortfall supplemental funding and redefining Uninsured Costs to Charity Care Costs; and

WHEREAS, Charity care requires providers to implement a policy, determine patient's ability to pay and identify the uncollectible portion as "charity care"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt a policy that enables the City of Seabrook EMS to provide ambulance services to the community without regard to a patient's and/or guarantor's ability to pay for these services by maintaining a charity care policy for patients who are unable to pay for all or part of their care for various reasons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council establishes a Charity Care Policy as shown on Exhibit A, which is hereby attached and made part of this resolution.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Seabrook formally adopts a Charity Care Policy as hereinabove written.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

Thomas G. Kolupski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Lenio, TRMC
City Secretary