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RESOLUTION NO. <u>2007</u> -003

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Delaware County have determined that it is in the best interest of Delaware County and its residents to set forth general standards for the Commissioners to consider when determining whether to write off or to pursue the collection of certain Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") accounts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners may use their discretion in determining whether to pursue collection of any EMS accounts, but in doing so, will take into consideration the following factors and may forgive EMS debts that meet any of the following situations:

- a) the account balance is less than one hundred dollars, OR
- b) the individual is deceased and is not covered by insurance, Medicaid or Medicare coverage, OR
- c) the individual is a County employee, OR
- d) the individual is covered by the County Health Insurance plan, OR
- e) the individual is a jail inmate and does not have insurance, Medicaid or Medicare coverage, OR
- f) the individual is a jail inmate and has been declared indigent by the Courts, OR
- g) on a case by case basis, the individual is found indigent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners will generally exercise their discretion by forwarding unpaid EMS accounts to a collection agency if none of the foregoing factors are found applicable.

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