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Why Fulton County Cannot Continue Incentive Pay to Grady Hospital for Ambulance Services after June 30

Upon the recommendation of the Fulton County Budget Commission, in January 2008 the Grady Board of Directors was notified effective June 30, Fulton County would discontinue incentive payments to Grady Hospital for the delivery of quality ambulance services within the City of Atlanta for the following reasons:

- 1) Incorporation of North Fulton Cities
Fulton County lost \$30 million dollars in sales tax revenues when 3 North Fulton cities were created.
- 2) Emergency \$20 Million Dollar Payment to Grady
The Board of Commissioners appropriated an extra \$20 million dollars to Grady in FY '07 bringing Grady's total appropriation to \$103 million dollars.
- 3) The Fulton County Jail
Court-ordered improvements at the Fulton County Jail totaled \$45 million dollars in FY '07.
- 4) State of the Economy
Due to the poor state of the economy throughout the Nation and in Georgia, the Fulton County Budget Commission placed Fulton County in a "caution mode."
- 5) North Fulton and South Fulton cities are working with their provider (Rural Metro) to continue the delivery of quality ambulance services to their residents.

Fulton County did NOT eliminate incentive pay to Grady Hospital for ambulance services for the current year. One half of the total amount—\$3.5 million dollars was transferred to the Grady Operations Budget.

Further, these amounts do not include the \$3 million dollars allocated to Grady Hospital for the delivery of ambulance services by the Fulton County Department of Emergency Services.

I have asked the Grady Board of Directors to allocate sufficient funds from the Operations Budget to maintain and improve the level of ambulance services to the taxpayers of the City of Atlanta.

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