



**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 09-14**

**SUPPORT FOR STATE ACTION TO ENSURE PROMPT AND FAIR
PAYMENTS TO AMBULANCE COMPANIES**

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's private ambulance companies play a key role in local emergency response; and

WHEREAS, most ambulance companies fund the cost of their operation through payments for their services through insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, it is often the case the insurance payments do not cover the full cost of the services provided; and

WHEREAS, many times insurance carriers pay the patient rather than the ambulance company, resulting in the payment to the ambulance company being delayed or never collected; and

WHEREAS, because insurance companies control how much is paid, who gets paid and when the payment is made, many ambulance companies annually recover only a fraction of the cost of billable services, resulting in operating deficits that threaten the ability of ambulance companies to continue to provide valuable services to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners supports efforts by members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Governor to ensure that insurance payments for ambulance services are fair, covering the full cost of providing emergency care, and prompt, directing payments to the ambulance company rather than the patient; and further directs the Municipal Administrator to forward a copy of this resolution Hatfield Township's state elected officials and the Governor.

DULY PRESENTED AND ADOPTED by the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in a public meeting held this 22nd day of April 2009.

ATTEST:

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Andrew S. Haines

Scott Brown, President

Township Manager/Secretary