



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 06, 2003

Council Session

Item G8

#2003-131 - Approving Business Associate Contract with St. Francis Medical Center Relative to Ambulance Billing

This contract is necessary for the Ambulance Billing to receive from St. Francis Medical Center Protected Health Information (PHI) relating to patients transported by the Grand Island Fire Department to or from St. Francis Medical Center. This contract specifies that the Ambulance Billing comply with the Federally mandated Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.

The Grand Island Fire Department and Ambulance Billing has in place policies and procedures to comply with HIPAA. All City employees having access to PHI have received training to ensure compliance with these policies and procedures.

Staff Contact: Jim Rowell

RESOLUTION 2003-131

WHEREAS, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 requires that a contract must be in place to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to work with Saint Francis Medical Center for the administration of the City's ambulance service and billing of such ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, it is required that certain safeguards be implemented to utilize and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information in carrying out such ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, a Business Associate Contract by and between the parties has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Business Associate Contract by and between the City and Saint Francis Medical Center pertaining to protected health information is hereby approved; and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 6, 2003.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk