



Bulloch County Emergency Medical Service

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October EMS Report

943 calls for service, resulting in 626 transports. 598 of those went to East Georgia Regional Medical Center, 17 to Savannah Hospitals, the remaining to other surrounding hospitals, hospice transports or fly outs.

Staffing: I have one military deployment that will be a long term (1 year) deployment, and two open positions. One position was filled in October the other will be filled in November. The applications for the 6 positions for Jan. 1, 2026, are open. We will perform interviews late in October and early November.

Ambulances: 3 on order. We should receive delivery in early February.

Stations: Station 6 (Stilson) is nearing completion. Will be completed in November and ready for Jan 1 go live.

Billing: On October 8 the decision was made to stop billing Medicare FFS (fee for service) claims due to the government shutdown. We receive a 3% "add-on" for being a rural community. During the shut down Medicare will continue to pay as before the shutdown, however if the government shutdown continues for a long period of time, or the "add-ons" are not continued then we will have to "repay" Medicare 3% on each claim we billed during that period. This would be an increased workload on our billing department so we will try to wait until the shutdown ends and bill the claims correctly the first time. THIS WILL AFFECT OUR REVENUES as Medicare is our top payer. We will, however, begin billing once the government is back open and we have clarity about if we are going to receive the 3% add on or not.

Training: Performed 4 days of OB/GYN emergencies, taught 4 American Heart classes, and hosted an autism awareness class for a total of 82 personnel/civilians taught.

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