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TO: Commission on EMS

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SUBJECT: Trial Study

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive information regarding the status of current trial studies

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

DISCUSSION:**Coastal Valleys EMS Agency**

On August 15, 2012, the EMS Authority received a trial study request from the Coastal Valleys EMS Agency to study the effectiveness of the Laryngeal Mask Airway-Supreme for use by flight paramedics with REACH Air Medical Services (REACH). The trial study began on December 1, 2012. During the 18-month trial study period, six patients were enrolled in the study. As a result of the low enrollment numbers, the Coastal Valleys EMS Agency decided to discontinue the trial study after the 18-month period. Coastal Valleys EMS Agency indicated they may participate in a future trial study that is being considered by the Ventura County EMS Agency regarding a similar airway device called the Air-Q.

Attachment: 18-month report