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July 30, 2015

Ms. Patricia Frost, Director
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Dear Ms. Frost:

This letter is in response to your 2013-2014 Contra Costa County EMS Plan submission to the EMS Authority in April of 2015.

I. Introduction and Summary:

The EMS Authority has concluded its review of Contra Costa County's 2013-14 EMS Plan Update and is approving the plan as submitted.

II. History and Background:

Historically, we have received EMS Plan documentation from Contra Costa County for the following years; 1995, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 plan submissions, and most current, its 2013-14 plan submission.

Contra Costa County received its last Five-Year Plan approval in 1996 for its 1995 plan submission and its last annual Plan Update approval in 2014 for its 2012-13 plan submission. The California Health and Safety (H&S) Code § 1797.254 states:

*"Local EMS agencies shall **annually** (emphasis added) submit an emergency medical services plan for the EMS area to the authority, according to EMS Systems, Standards, and Guidelines established by the authority".*

The EMS Authority is responsible for the review of EMS Plans and for making a determination on the approval or disapproval of the plan, based on compliance with statute and the standards and guidelines established by the EMS Authority consistent with H&S Code § 1797.105(b).

III. Analysis of EMS System Components:

Following are comments related to Contra Costa County's 2013-14 EMS Plan update. Areas that indicate the plan submitted is concordant and consistent with applicable guidelines or regulations and H&S Code § 1797.254 and the EMS system components identified in H&S § 1797.103 are shown below:

- | | Approved | Not
Approved | |
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| A. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | System Organization and Management |
| B. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Staffing/Training |
| C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Communications |
| D. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Response/Transportation |
| E. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Facilities/Critical Care |
| F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Data Collection/System Evaluation |
| G. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Information and Education |
| H. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Disaster Medical Response |

IV. Conclusion:

Based on the information identified, Contra Costa County may implement areas of the 2013-14 EMS Plan Update that have been approved. Pursuant to H&S Code § 1797.105(b):

“After the applicable guidelines or regulations are established by the Authority, a local EMS agency may implement a local plan...unless the Authority determines that the plan does not effectively meet the needs of the persons served and is not consistent with the coordinating activities in the geographical area served, or that the plan is not concordant and consistent with applicable guidelines or regulations, or both the guidelines and regulations established by the Authority.”

V. Next Steps:

Contra Costa County's next annual EMS Plan Update will be due on July 30, 2016. Please note, during the submission of an annual Plan Update, individual System Assessment Forms are only required to be submitted when changes are made to the system that are different from the last approved five-year EMS Plan, as indicated on the requested 'Progress/Objectives' form. In addition, each County should submit an annual status update of QI and Trauma Plans to the EMS Authority.

If you have any questions regarding the plan review, please contact Jeff Schultz, EMS Plans Coordinator, at (916) 431-3688.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel R. Driscoll" followed by a stylized flourish.

Howard Backer, MD, MPH, FACEP
Director

Attachment

2013 EMS Transportation Plan Approval
 Contra Costa County

ZONE	EXCLUSIVITY			TYPE			LEVEL								
	Non-Exclusive	Exclusive	Method to Achieve Exclusivity	Emergency Ambulance	ALS	LALS	All Emergency Services	9-1-1 Emergency Response	7-digit Emergency Response	ALS Ambulance	All CCT Ambulance Services	BLS Non-Emergency and IFT	Standby Service with Transport Authorization	All Air Ambulance	Emergency Air Ambulance
Contra Costa County															
ERA I		X	Competitive Process	X				X		X					
ERA II		X	Competitive Process	X				X		X					
ERA III		X	Non-Competitive	X				X		X					
ERA IV		X	Competitive Process	X				X		X					
ERA V		X	Competitive Process	X				X		X					

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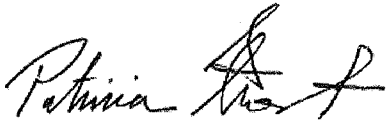
April 1, 2015

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Dear Dr. Backer,

Contra Costa Emergency Medical Services respectfully submits our 2013-14 Contra Costa EMS System Plan update. We continue to appeal to the California EMS Authority to work with EMSAAC Board to create efficient and meaningful ways to collect this information in the future.

Regards,



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Director
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