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August 18, 2015

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Dear Mr. Julihn:

This letter is in response to the 2014 Marin County EMS Plan Update submission to the EMS Authority.

**I. Introduction and Summary:**

The EMS Authority has concluded its review of Marin County EMS Agency's 2014 EMS Plan Update and is approving the plan as submitted.

**II. History and Background:**

Historically, we have received EMS Plan documentation from Marin County EMS Agency in the following years: 1995, 1999, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2010 and, most current, its 2014 plan update submission.

Marin County EMS Agency received its last five-year Plan approval in 1996 for its 1995 submission and its last annual plan update approval in 2012 for its 2010 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 Marin County EMS Agency's 2014 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 Code § 1797.103 are indicated below:

- |    | Approved                            | Not<br>Approved          |  |
|----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| A. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>System Organization and Management</u>  |
| B. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Staffing/Training</u><br><br>1. Table 10 – Approved Training Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please ensure data is complete and accurate in future submissions. Multiple institutions missing data including type of program, cost of program and number of students and/or courses.</li></ul> |
| C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Communications</u>  |
| D. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Response/Transportation</u><br><br>1. Ambulance Zones <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please see the attachment on the EMS Authority's determination of the exclusivity of Marin County EMS Agency's ambulance zones.</li></ul>   |
| E. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Facilities/Critical Care</u>  |
| F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Data Collection/System Evaluation</u>   |
| G. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Public Information and Education</u>  |
| H. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Disaster Medical Response</u>   |

#### **IV. Conclusion:**

Based on the information identified, Marin County EMS Agency may implement areas of the 2014 EMS Plan Update that have been approved. Pursuant to H&S Code § 1797.105(b):

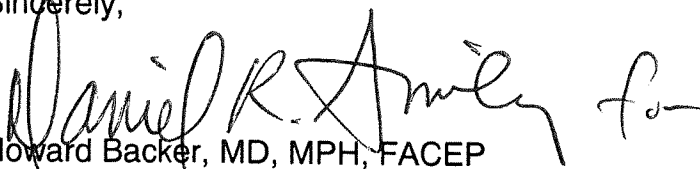
*“After the applicable guidelines or regulations are established by the Authority, a local EMS agency may implement a local plan...unless the Authority determines that the plan does not effectively meet the needs of the persons served and is not consistent with the coordinating activities in the geographical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

Marin County EMS Agency’s annual EMS Plan Update will be due on August 18, 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 must 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,

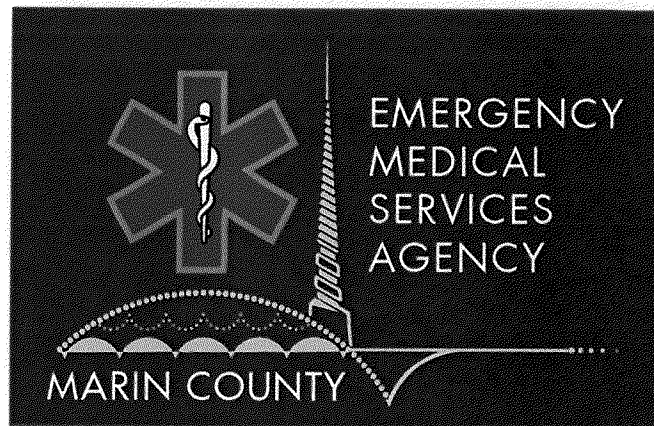
  
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Director

Attachment





# 2014 EMS Plan Update



July 2015

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## **2014 EMS PLAN UPDATE SUMMARY**

*This annual update to the EMS Plan for the County of Marin is intended to meet statutory requirements of California Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.254. For standardization, it has been submitted in a format suggested by the California EMS Authority. Minor wording changes to the Ambulance Zone Summaries requested by EMSA in response to a 2012 EMS Plan Update submitted in June 2013 have also been included.*

*Significant changes from our previous EMS Plan Update include the implementation of a Specialty Care System for Stroke, and the designation of all three acute care hospitals in Marin as Stroke Receiving Centers. In addition, Marin's Level III Trauma Center completed a required triennial verification site review by the American College of Surgeons in July 2015 which will be reflected in a concurrent Trauma Plan Update submission.*

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2014 EMS Plan Update

Standard	EMSA Requirement	Meets Minimum Req.	Short Range (one year or less)	Long Range (more than one year)	Current Status/Progress
4.15	MCI Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Training to be conducted in late 2015/early 2016 with full-scale exercise in April 2016.
5.01	Assessment of Capabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased participation from hospitals is expected this year.
5.05	Mass Casualty Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Field Treatment Site guidelines have been drafted.
5.13	Specialty System Design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stroke System is fully functional with all three acute care hospitals designated as Stroke Receiving Centers
6.05	Data Management System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CQM data is being submitted to EMSA annually.
7.04	First Aid and CPR Training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marin conducted this year's countywide "Sidewalk CPR" training event on June 6th in collaboration with EMS providers and others.