

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

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June 22, 2015

Mr. Brian Henricksen, EMS Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Henricksen:

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Napa County EMS Plan Update originally submitted to the EMS Authority on February 4, 2015 and updated on June 11, 2015.

**I. Introduction and Summary:**

The EMS Authority has concluded its review of Napa County's 2014-15 EMS Plan Update and is approving the plan as submitted.

**II. History and Background:**

Historically, we have received EMS Plan documentation from Napa County for its 1994 and 2011 plan submissions, and most current, its 2014-15 plan update submission. Napa County received its last Five-Year Plan approval for its 1994 plan submission, and its last annual plan update approval for its 2011 plan submission. It is understood that Napa County was a member of the Coastal Valley's EMS Agency between 1995 and 2010.

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:

The following comments are related to Napa County's 2014-15 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:

A.                  System Organization and Management

#### 1. System Assessment Forms

- **Standard 1.16 (Funding Mechanism):**

*'Each local EMS Agency shall have a funding mechanism, which is sufficient to ensure its continued operation and shall maximize use of its Emergency Medical Services Fund.'*

Please indicate that funding mechanisms identified in 'Current Status' are sufficient to ensure continued operations and that EMS Fund is maximized in next submission.

B.                  Staffing/Training

C.                  Communications

D.                  Response/Transportation

#### 1. Ambulance Zones

- Please see the attachment on the EMS Authority's determination of the exclusivity of Napa County's ambulance zones.

Response/Transportation (continued)

2. System Assessment Forms

- **Standard 4.09 (Air Ambulance Dispatch Center), Standard 4.13 (Inter-County Response):**

*Short/Long-term plan* - In next submission please indicate progress on short-term plans identified in needs and objectives sections.

E.   Facilities/Critical Care

1. System Assessment Forms

- **Standard 5.11 (Emergency Departments):**

*'Local EMS agencies shall identify minimum standards for pediatric capability of emergency departments...'*

Response in 'Current Status' does not clearly indicate that minimum standards exist as outlined in Standard 5.11. In next submission please clearly indicate that minimum standards exist and address areas specified.

- **Standard 5.04 (Specialty Care Facilities), Standard 5.13 (Specialty Care Design System):**

*Short/Long-term plan* - In next submission please indicate progress on short-term plans identified in needs and objectives sections.

F.   Data Collection/System Evaluation

- **Standard 6.03 (Pre-hospital Care Audits):**

*Short/Long-term plan* - In next submission please indicate progress on long-term plan identified in needs and objectives sections.

G.   Public Information and Education

H.   Disaster Medical Response

1. System Assessment Forms

- **Standard 8.05 (Distribution of Casualties):**

*Short/Long-term plan* - In next submission please indicate progress on short-term plans identified in needs and objectives sections.

- **Standard 8.12 (Establishment of CCP):**

*The local EMS Agency, in coordination with the local OES, shall develop plans for establishing Casualty Collection Points (CCP) and a means for communicating with them.*

Current status indicated as not currently met and need indicated for establishment of communication plan with Casualty Collection Points. Please provide progress update on objective in next submission.

- **Standards 8.13 (Disaster Medical Training):**

*The local EMS Agency shall review the disaster medical training of EMS responders in its service area, including the proper management of casualties exposed to and/or contaminated by toxic or radioactive substances.*

Please ensure reviewed training includes proper casualty management as outlined in Minimum Standard in next submission.

**IV. Conclusion:**

Based on the information identified, Napa County may implement areas of the 2014-2015 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:**

Napa County's annual EMS Plan Update will be due on or before June 22, 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. Progress/Objective forms should be utilized to provide the status of the standards that were identified as short/long-range in the previous plan. 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,



Howard Backer, MD, MPH, FACEP  
Director

Attachment









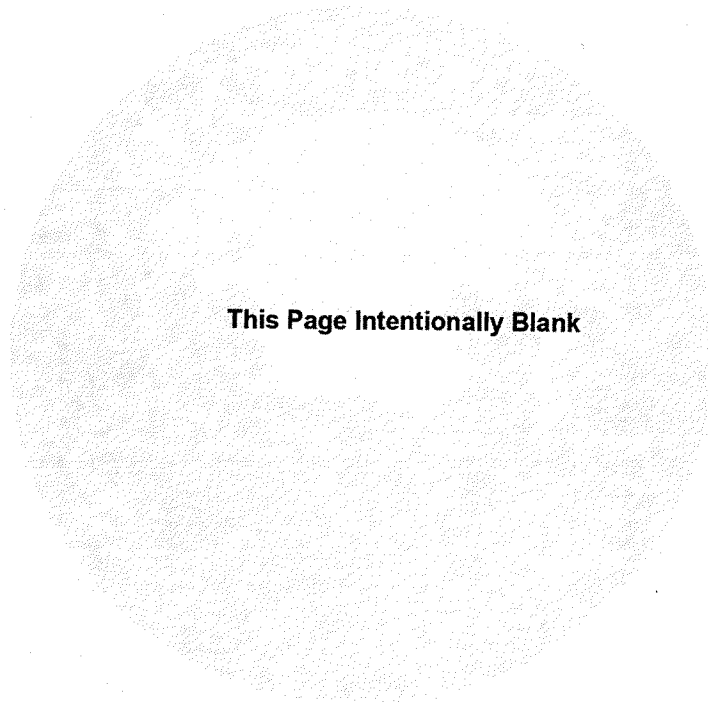
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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM PLAN**

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