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RE: Request for Continuing the Approval of Health Workforce Pilot Project #173
Community Paramedicine

Dear Dr. Backer:

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) has reviewed your letter, dated September 11, 2018, requesting approval to extend Health Workforce Pilot Project (HWPP) #173 Community Paramedicine, through November 14, 2019.

OSHPD initially approved the project on November 14, 2014, and approved three, one-year project extensions on November 14, 2015, November 14, 2016, and November 14, 2017. The initial approval plus the extensions gave EMSA four years to test the various project concepts. In 2017, OSHPD received timely updates and quarterly reports from the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). No patient safety or noncompliance reports were received.

On November 27, 2017, OSHPD approved eight new pilot project sites within HWPP #173 to run through November 14, 2018, pending the completion of the required training and Institutional Review Board approval.

OSHPD approved three of the eight sites to begin project implementation during 2018:

- CP 015 - Santa Clara County Alternate Destination, Behavioral Health and Sobering Center Pilot on July 1, 2018
- CP 022 - Fresno County Alternate Destination, Behavioral Health Pilot on July 26, 2018
- CP 021 - San Francisco City and County of San Francisco Pilot Proposal, EMS-6 Community Paramedicine Team Managing Frequent 911 Users on September 12, 2018

In accordance with the California Code of Regulations (22 CCR Section 92604), OSHPD is granting EMSA a one-year extension from November 14, 2018 to November 14, 2019. An additional year of implementation will allow EMSA to collect additional data to demonstrate HWPP #173 outcomes more definitively.

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If you have any questions, please contact Gloria J. Robertson, Health Program Specialist, Healthcare Workforce Development Division (HWDD) at (916) 326-3726 or gloria.robertson@oshpd.ca.gov.

Very truly yours,



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