



FAQs

1. What is the difference between the EMS Fund and the Maddy EMS Fund?

The EMS Fund was created in January 1988, and renamed the Maddy EMS Fund in January 1999, after Senator Ken Maddy, for recognition of his efforts in authoring the original legislation to create the EMS Fund and in enhancing the fund's effectiveness during its years of existence.

2. What is the purpose of the Maddy EMS Fund?

The Maddy EMS Fund was established to reimburse physicians/surgeons and hospitals for the cost of uncompensated emergency care, and for other discretionary EMS purposes. Additionally, the Maddy EMS Fund, through the Richie's Fund, also provides reimbursement for pediatric trauma.

3. Why is the administering agency required to submit the report to the California EMS Authority?

HSC § 1797.98b was amended in September 2014, changing the report submissions from the Legislature to the California EMS Authority. The California EMS Authority is mandated to annually compile and provide a summary of each county's Maddy EMS Fund Report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature.

4. When is the Maddy EMS Fund Report due to the California EMS Authority?

By April 15 of each year, reporting for the immediately preceding FY.

5. If an agency is interested in establishing a Maddy EMS Fund, how does it go about initiating the process?

The county department must coordinate its request through its board of supervisors for approval to establish the fund.

6. If the administering agency has established a Maddy EMS Fund, is it required to establish a Richie's Fund?

No. The Richie's Fund will only be established if the administering agency, through its county board of supervisors, elects to levy the supplemental assessment (additional penalty of \$2 for every \$10 of fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected for criminal offenses) from SB 1773 (Alarcon, Chapter 841, Statutes of 2006).

7. How are the Maddy EMS Funds distributed?

Refer to the Maddy EMS Fund Flowcharts and Revenue Distribution & Methodology document under the Resources section above.

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