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Dear Ms. Weivoda:

This letter is in response to Yolo County's 2018 EMS Plan submission to the EMS Authority on June 5, 2019.

**I. Introduction and Summary:**

The EMS Authority has concluded its review of Yolo County's 2018 EMS Plan and is approving the plan as submitted.

**II. History and Background:**

Yolo County received its last plan approval for its 2011 plan submission.

Historically, we have received EMS Plan submissions from Yolo County for the following years:

- 2014-2017

Health and Safety Code (HSC) § 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, regulations, and case law, consistent with HSC § 1797.105(b).

### III. Analysis of EMS System Components:

Following are comments related to Yolo County's 2018 EMS Plan. Areas that indicate the plan submitted is concordant and consistent with applicable laws, regulations, case law, and the EMS system components identified in HSC § 1797.103, are indicated below:

- |    | Approved                            | Not 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>                  |
| C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Communications</u>                     |
| D. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Response/Transportation</u>            |

Based on the documentation provided, please find enclosed the EMS Authority's determination of the exclusivity of Yolo County's ambulance zones.

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| 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, Yolo County's 2018 EMS Plan is approved.

Pursuant to HSC § 1797.105(b):

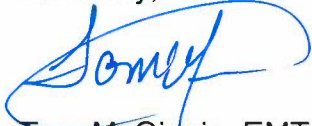
*"After the applicable guidelines or regulations are established by the Authority, a local EMS agency may implement a local plan...unless the Authority determines that the plan does not effectively meet the needs of the persons served and is not consistent with the coordinating activities in the geographical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

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**V. Next Steps:**

Yolo County's next EMS Plan will be due on or before October 31, 2020. If you have any questions regarding the plan review, please contact Ms. Lisa Galindo, EMS Plans Coordinator, at (916) 431-3688.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure



YOLO COUNTY EMS AGENCY

# Emergency Medical Services System Plan

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2018 Annual Report



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This plan represents the sixth (6) annual update of the Yolo County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency since receiving approval of our initial EMS Plan in 2013. The agency's primary responsibility is to plan, implement, and evaluate an emergency medical services (EMS) system that meets or exceeds the minimum standards developed by the California EMS Authority (EMSA).

State law requires EMS agencies to develop plans for the delivery of emergency medical services (paramedic treatment, ambulance transport, trauma services, etc.) to the victims of sudden illness or injury within the geographic areas served by the EMS agency. These plans must be consistent with the state standards and address the following components:

- System organization and management
- Staffing and training
- Communications
- Response and transport
- Facilities and critical care
- Data collection and evaluation
- Public information and education (PIE)
- Disaster Response

The Yolo County EMS system continues to provide well-coordinated response services throughout Yolo County. We continue to have a high performing ambulance franchise which is focused on meeting the needs of the community, patients, and the system. The EMS system includes two hospitals that are providing high levels of care to patients in both our rural and urban areas of the county. The local care includes primary stroke designations delivered at Sutter Davis Hospital and Woodland Memorial Hospital.

Yolo County completed a contract extension with our Exclusive Operating Area Ambulance Provider, American Medical Response, in February 2019. This contract extension will allow for the high performing ambulance transport system to continue providing services in Yolo County until February 2024.

The Yolo County EMS System has continued to work towards meeting the minimum standards and recommend guidelines as provided in the EMS System Assessment Forms. Improvements or significant changes have been made in the following areas:

- Specialty Care Plans (Stroke)
- Maintaining ALS service capability throughout the region
- Revising and updating the EMT and Paramedic Protocols
- Continued development of regional trauma care system

The 121 Minimum Standards and Recommended Guidelines which the Local EMS Agency must address in their EMS plans. Minimum Standards are those which should be met by each Local

EMS Agency. Recommended Guidelines are those which each EMS system should strive to meet whenever possible. The Yolo County EMS Agency meets all the Minimum Standards and most of the Recommended Guidelines. However, even though the local EMS system may meet particular Minimum Standard or Recommended Guidelines, the EMS Agency recognizes that there is always room for improvement within the system.

The objectives listed in the EMS System Plan will be used to guide the Yolo County EMS Agency in monitoring and improving the EMS system over the next year.

# YOLO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) AGENCY

## 5 YEAR UPDATE

