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Dear Ms. Weivoda:

This letter is in response to Yolo County's 2019 emergency medical services (EMS) plan submission to the EMS Authority on June 3, 2020. The EMS Authority has reviewed the plan, based on compliance with statutes, regulations, and case law. It has been determined the plan meets all EMS system components identified in Health and Safety Code (HSC) § 1797.103, and is approved for implementation pursuant to HSC § 1797.105(b).

Based on the documentation provided, the EMS Authority has compiled a list of your Emergency Ambulance Zone areas within your jurisdiction and has enclosed for reference.

In accordance with HSC § 1797.254, please submit an annual EMS plan to the EMS Authority on or before August 12, 2021. If you have any questions regarding the EMS Plan review, please contact Ms. Lisa Galindo, EMS Plans Coordinator, at (916) 431-3688.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Duncan".

Dave Duncan, MD  
Director

Enclosure



YOLO COUNTY EMS AGENCY

# Emergency Medical Services System Plan

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2019 Annual Report



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This plan represents the seventh (7th) annual update of the Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency (YEMSA) since initial approval of our EMS Plan in 2013. The agency's primary responsibilities are 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 focused on meeting the needs of the community, our patients, and the system itself. The EMS system includes two (2) hospitals that provide high levels of patient care in both rural and urban areas of the county. 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 (EOA) Ambulance Provider, American Medical Response, in February 2019. This contract extension will allow the high performing ambulance transport system to continue the provision of 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
  - STEMI
- 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 of which every EMS system should strive to meet whenever possible. The Yolo County EMS Agency meets all the Minimum Standards and most of the Recommended Guidelines. Despite meeting the 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 guide the Yolo County EMS Agency in monitoring and improving the EMS system over the next year.

ASSESSMENT OF SYSTEM

SUMMARY OF SYSTEM STATUS

This section provides a summary of how the Yolo County EMS Agency system meets the State of California’s EMS Systems Standards and Guidelines. An “X” placed in the first column indicates the current system fails to meet the State’s minimum standards. An “X” placed in the second or third column indicates that the system meets the minimum standard or recommended guidelines, respectively. An “X” is placed in one (1) of the last two (2) columns to indicate the time frame for which the agency has established for either meeting the standard or revising the current status. A complete narrative description of each standard, along with the objective for establishing compliance, is included in the System Needs and Plan Objectives Section of this plan.

SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

TABLE 1: MINIMUM STANDARDS/RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

		Does Not Currently Meet Standard	Meets Minimum Standard	Meets Recommended Guidelines	Short-Range Plan	Long-Range Plan
<b>Agency Administration:</b>						
1.01	LEMSA Structure		X			
1.02	LEMSA Mission		X			
1.03	Public Input		X			
1.04	Medical Director		X	X		
<b>Planning Activities:</b>						
1.05	System Plan		X			
1.06	Annual Plan Update		X			
1.07	Trauma Planning*		X	X		
1.08	ALS Planning*		X			
1.09	Inventory of Resources		X			
1.10	Special Populations		X			