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Dear Ms. Weivoda:

This letter is in response to Yolo County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency's 2020 EMS plan submission to the EMS Authority on July 29, 2021.

The EMS Authority has reviewed the EMS 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 transportation documentation provided, please find enclosed the ground exclusive operating areas status, as compiled by the EMS Authority.

In accordance with HSC § 1797.254, please submit an annual EMS plan to the EMS Authority on or before November 17, 2022. 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 'Elizabeth Basnett'.

Elizabeth Basnett, EMEDM
Acting Director
Emergency Medical Services Authority

Enclosure

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Yolo County 2020 EMS Plan Ground Exclusive Operating Areas	Non-Exclusive Exclusive		Method to Achieve Exclusivity	Emergency Ambulance ALS			LALS	All Emergency Ambulance Services 9-1-1 Emergency Response			7-digit Emergency Response		ALS Ambulance	All CCT Ambulance Services	ALS IFT	Standby Service with Transport Authorization	NOTES
ZONE	EXCLUSIVITY			TYPE				LEVEL							NOTES		
Yolo County	X	Competitive	X					X	X	X	X	X					

YOLO COUNTY EMS AGENCY

Emergency Medical Services System Plan

2020 Update



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This plan represents the eight (8th) annual updates 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).

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.254, requires the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency to submit an EMS Plan to the State EMS Authority and follow it with annual updates thereafter. Attached is the Yolo County FY 2019-2020 Annual Update which provides the required information on the status of our system and the EMS Agency's progress toward meeting long-range goals.

The Yolo County EMS system remained stable and continues to make progress toward achieving several of our systems' long-term goals. The EMS Agency continues to experience successful collaborations with key system partners including our ALS/BLS Fire First Responder Agencies, contracted ALS ambulance provider American Medical Response (AMR), and our receiving and specialty care centers, several of which are located within other EMS agency jurisdictions.

There have been no changes to the EMS plan or system due to the declared emergency with the COVID-19 Pandemic. Despite the pandemic changing our focus to response and mitigation, the Yolo County EMS Agency had the following accomplishments:

- The EMS Agency went out to competitive bid for a consultant to evaluate the system and help plan for the next EOA Ambulance Provider. Currently, the consultant is finishing up the system assessment which will be presented at the end of 2021. In 2022, the consultant will work with the EMS Agency and create specific ad-hoc groups to evaluate the systems willingness and ability to implement suggestions from the assessment.
- Used stated approved local optional scope for EMT's and Paramedics to support COVID Response with supporting staffing in Skilled Nursing and Long-Term Care Facilities, and COVID testing and vaccine administration.
- Created administrative guidelines and directives to support the EMS system during the pandemic, which included: modified patient care guidelines, assess and refer,
- Created a daily notification of known COVID-19 first responder exposures.
- Waived critical care transport staffing requirements of a paramedic being required in addition to the nurse, per the EOA contractual agreement.
- Increased staffing depth for the regional disaster medical health (RDMH) specialist role. Yolo County functions as the region IV RDMH and was able to do an emergency hire and bring on a second specialist to support the regional medical health responsibilities.
- Yolo County EMS Agency is responsible for maintaining the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) program and all 17 public health functions as stated in the EOM. This program is maintained 24/7, 365, with a rotating duty officer call schedule. The EMS Administrator operates as the designated MHOAC, that has oversight of the program

and its required functions. The EMS Administrator works in coordination with the Yolo County Public Health Officer. There is a dedicated phone number (530) 321-3620, and email address (emsdutyofficer@yolocounty.org) for this program.

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
Agency Administration:					
1.01	LEMSA Structure		X		
1.02	LEMSA Mission		X		
1.03	Public Input		X		
1.04	Medical Director		X	X	
Planning Activities:					
1.05	System Plan		X		
1.06	Annual Plan Update		X		
1.07	Trauma Planning*		X	X	
1.08	ALS Planning*		X	X	
1.09	Inventory of Resources		X		
1.10	Special Populations		X		

System Organization and Management (continued)

		Does Not Currently Meet Standard	Meets Minimum Standard	Meets Recommended Guidelines	Short- Range Plan	Long-Range Plan
1.11	System Participants		X	X		
Regulatory Activities:						
1.12	Review & Monitoring		X			
1.13	Coordination		X			
1.14	Policy & Procedures Manual		X			
1.15	Compliance w/Policies		X			
System Finances:						
1.16	Funding Mechanism		X			X
Medical Direction:						
1.17	Medical Direction*		X	X		
1.18	QA/QI		X	X	X	X
1.19	Policies, Procedures, Protocols		X	X	X	X
1.20	DNR Policy		X	X		
1.21	Determination of Death		X	X		
1.22	Reporting of Abuse		X	X		
1.23	Interfacility Transfer		X	X		
Enhanced Level: Advanced Life Support:						
1.24	ALS Systems		X	X	X	X
1.25	On-Line Medical Direction		X			
Enhanced Level: Trauma Care System:						
1.26	Trauma System Plan		X		X	X
Enhanced Level: Pediatric Emergency Medical and Critical Care System:						
1.27	Pediatric System Plan		X			X
Enhanced Level: Exclusive Operating Areas:						
1.28	EOA Plan		X		X	X

STAFFING/TRAINING

	Does Not Currently Meet Standard	Meets Minimum Standard	Meets Recommended Guidelines	Short-Range Plan	Long-Range Plan
Local EMS Agency:					
2.01	Assessment of Needs		X		X
2.02	Approval of Training		X		
2.03	Personnel		X		
Dispatchers:					
2.04	Dispatch Training		X		
First Responders (non-transporting):					
2.05	First Responder Training		X	X	
2.06	Response		X		
2.07	Medical Control		X		
Transporting Personnel:					
2.08	EMT-I Training		X	X	
Hospital:					
2.09	CPR Training		X		
2.10	Advanced Life Support		X		
Enhanced Level: Advanced Life Support:					
2.11	Accreditation Process		X		
2.12	Early Defibrillation		X		
2.13	Base Hospital Personnel		X		