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August 9, 2023

Lary Karsteadt, EMS Administrator North Coast EMS Agency 3340 Glenwood Street Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Mr. Karsteadt,

This letter is in response to North Coast Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency's 2022 EMS, Trauma, St-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI), Quality Improvement (QI), and EMS for Children (EMSC) plan, submissions to the EMS Authority on May 24, 2023.

The EMS Authority has reviewed the EMS plan based on compliance with statutes, regulations, and case law. It has been determined that 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 transportation documentation provided, please find enclosed the ground exclusive operating area status, compiled by the EMS Authority.

The EMS Authority has also reviewed the Trauma, STEMI, QI plans, and EMSC based on compliance with Chapters 7, 7.1, 12, and 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, and has been <u>approved</u> for implementation.

Per HSC § 1797.254, EMS Plans must be submitted to the EMS Authority annually. North Coast EMS Agency will only be considered current if an EMS Plan is submitted each year.

Your 2023 EMS plan will be due on or before August 9, 2024. Concurrently with the EMS plan, please submit an annual Trauma, STEMI, QI, and EMSC plan.

If you have any questions regarding the EMS Plan review, please contact Mr. Mark Olivas, Interim EMS Plans Coordinator, at (916) 204-7885 or mark.olivas@emsa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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North Coast 2022 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	BLS Non-Emergency	Standby Service with Transport Authorization
ZONE		EXC	CLUSIVITY		TYPE				I	LEVEL			
Del Norte County	Х												
Humboldt County													
Zone 1 - North		Х	Non- Competitive	Х				Х	Х			X	Х
Zone 2 - Eastern	Χ												
Zone 3 - Central		Х	Non- Competitive	X				Χ	Х			X	X
Zone 4	Х												
Lake County													
Kelseyville Fire Department	Х												
Lake County Fire Department	Х												
Lakeport Fire	Х												
Northshore Fire Protection District	Х												
South Lake County Fire Department	Х												

Regional EMS Plan Annual Update 2022 Executive Summary

North Coast EMS has served as the EMS agency since 1974 and is the designated local EMS agency for the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt and Lake.

Since the last Regional EMS Plan was approved, the following progress highlights has occurred:

- 1. Continued as the three-county LEMSA serving Del Norte, Humboldt and Lake Counties under the direction of the Joint Powers Governing Board.
- 2. Participated in numerous local, regional and state EMS meetings virtually. These included: JPA, Humboldt-Del Norte MAC, TAC & STEMI/Stroke, Lake EMCC and TAC, Behavioral Health, Fire Chiefs Association, Injury Prevention, Child Death Review, Disaster Coalition, HPP Disaster meetings, EMSAAC, EMDAC, EMSA, etc.
- 3. The following Annual Plan Updates were approved by EMSA for FY 2019-21: Regional EMS Plan, Regional Trauma Plan, Regional Quality Improvement Plan, EMS for Children Plan, STEMI Plan. After an EMS System review process, all five EMS Plan Updates will be presented to the JPA Board for approval on April 27, 2023.
- 4. EMSA issued an order that allowed LEMSAs to delay submission of EMS Plan Updates until after the end of the pandemic. This order was withdrawn at the end of March 2022 and the EMSA gave North Coast EMS until October 2023 to submit the 2022 Annual EMS Plan Updates. That timeline recently was moved forward to March 2023 and we are therefore in the process of updating all Annual Plans: Regional, Trauma, EMSC, STEMI and QIP as a high priority.
- 5. We are in the process of reinstituting the QIP Quarterly Reporting process which was delayed by the pandemic and staff turnover.
- 6. Designations of St. Joseph Hospital as Level III Trauma Center, and Mad River Community Hospital, Sutter-Coast Hospital and Sutter-Lakeside Hospital as Level IV Trauma Centers were continued, as were the STEMI Receiving Center designation of St. Joseph Hospital, and Emergency Department Approved for Pediatric (EDAP) designations for six of seven hospitals. Trauma and EDAP Site Surveys were conducted the previous year and a STEMI Site Survey is planned for FY 2022-23.
- 7. We are planning to revisit interest in the designation of Adventist-Health Clearlake Hospital as an EDAP and a Level IV Trauma Center.
- 8. EDAP Fiscal Trust Fund was continued with over \$299,000 distributed to EDAPs since 2008 and over \$261,000 available for distribution.
- 9. The Annual Trauma Center Fee Utilization Report is included within the Annual Trauma Plan Update.

- 10. Executive Director Larry Karsteadt gave a presentation on the history of rural EMS System development in California at the EMSA's Trauma Summit.
- 11. Larry Karsteadt continued as an active member of the State Trauma Regulation Workgroup.
- 12. North Coast EMS continued participation in the North-Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee.
- 13. Continued or issued certifications, accreditations, or authorizations for EMTs, paramedics and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs).
- 14. Epi-Pens and Finger Sticks to the EMT scope of practice. Epi-pens are now available for Public Safety, First Responders and First Responders.
- 15. Approved the addition of Ketamine and i-Gel, Continuation of Antibiotics for IFTs, Tranexamic Acid, Vaccine administration for both flu and Covid-19 and nasal swab testing to paramedic scope of practice.
- 16. Continued training program approvals for Public Safety, First Responder, EMT, Paramedic, Field Training Officer, Emergency Medical Dispatch, MICN and Continuing Education programs. The region is served by 53 fire services.
- 17. Continued authorizations of 4 non-transporting ALS providers, 9 transporting ALS providers and REACH Medical Holdings, (dba, REACH Air Medical, CalStar & Cal-Ore Life Flight). In Del Norte County, Cal-Ore provides ground 9-1-1 mutual aid ambulance, ALS/CCT ground Inter-facility Transfers (IFT's) (to Oregon and other out of County destinations), fixed & rotary wing IFT transfers and rotary wing scene calls. The REACH Medical Holdings companies also provides fixed/rotary wing IFT transfers services in Humboldt County and Lake Counties (this now includes a Flight Crew staffed CCT), along with rotary wing scene calls in the two counties. CAE also recently has started to provide additional IFT ground ambulance support for Lake County.
- 18. Convened the Humboldt County Trauma Advisory Committee (TAC) and Lake County TAC, convened Humboldt County Cardiac Coordinating Committee (now STEMI/Stroke) meetings and participated in Medical Advisory and EMCC meetings for each County.
- 19. Development of a formal Stroke Subspecialty System Plan pursuant to State Regulations was delayed due to the pandemic and other priorities and is again targeted for next Fiscal Year if new funding is forthcoming and other priorities allow. Stroke mortality rates on the north coast continue to be high but each hospital is stroke ready and St Joseph Hospital is planning to move forward with formal stroke certification.
- 20. The five Multi- County Regional LEMSAs received the first State General Fund augmentation in 20 years. With Governing Board approval, North Coast EMS staff received pay increases and we increased hours for a Lake County HPP Disaster/EMS contractor.
- 21. All staff positions remained the same and we continued contracts with Matthew Karp, M.D. as the Regional Medical Director, Rita Henderson, RN as the Trauma and EDAP Coordinator, Stayce Curry RN as the 5150/Behavioral Health Specialist, Selinda Shontz as the STEMI/Stroke

- Coordinator, Jay Myhre as the e-PCR IT, Infinite as the Office IT, Lancet re: Trauma Registry, Pam Mather RN as the Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) Oversight Officer and Quality Improvement Specialist, Patrick Lynch as the Humboldt County HPP Disaster Liaison and Dennis Louy as the Del Norte County Disaster Liaison. We hired Morgan Fox as the Lake County HPP Disaster/EMS contractor.
- 22. The required Annual Fiscal Audits Reports were completed or are in the process of completion.
- 23. Continued the Non-competitive EOA contracts with CAE in the Eureka Zone contingent upon ongoing coverage of all Southern Humboldt County and AMRA in the Arcata Zone and initiated the EOA monitoring process in Humboldt County.
- 24. Verified that Del Norte Ambulance is eligible for EOA grandfathering. Presented options to the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors who recommended that North Coast EMS proceed with a Competitive Bid process. We plan to seek guidance from our JPA Board on April 27th specific the EOA process in DNC.
- 25. Continued the 5150 Handbook (used by the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California), finalized the medical clearance form and prepared or updated county specific training for law enforcement, EMS, fire and Behavioral Health.
- 26. We continued to conduct Behavioral Health meetings in the three-counties, including the Hospital Council representation, and Director Karsteadt was appointed by EMSAAC as Co-Chair of the new Behavioral Health Subcommittee.
- 27. Participated in EMSA required EMSA/LEMSA meetings and submitted required General Fund quarterly reports.
- 28. Continued the CDPH HPP Disaster grant and submitted required reports.
- 29. Continued to participate in the three county and State COVID-19 disaster planning processes.
- 30. Submitted the North Coast EMS Core Measures reports to EMSA as requested.
- 31. : All providers are successfully transmitting data to ICEMA.
- 32. To date, all but one authorized ALS Provider has remitted JPA Board and invoiced e-PCR Access Fees.
- 33. Continued to monitor Trauma Center compliance with State Trauma Registry transmission efforts to ICEMA.
- 34. Continued the more streamline policy and protocol approval process using the Policy Review Committee. We are currently assessing other options to improve the policy development process.
- 35. Continued to participate in the Statewide C.A.R.E.S. project.
- 36. Submitted Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOT) reports to EMSA. We are fortunate to have relatively low APOT times.
- 37. Continued policy to ensure that providers plan for anticipated drug shortages.
- 38. Initiated an update to the Regional MCI Plan but this has been postponed due to the lack of staff time and other priorities.

- 39. Participated in the process in all three counties to streamline the IFT processes and reduce delays for Medical and Behavioral Health patients.
- 40. The North Coast EMS Agency, in coordination with Joint Powers Member Counties and pre-hospital providers functioning under base hospital direction, follows HSC § 1797.152, HSC § 1797.153 for response and all 17 Functions of the MHOAC are covered within all three counties. North Coast EMS carries out the CDPH HPP LEMSA program responsibilities, including administrative support of county based MHOAC operations. We also are directly involved with preparation of draft and final Medical and Health Disaster Plans, including Pediatric, Burn, Radiation, Infectious Disease, etc., and administratively support MHOAC operations during a disaster per HSC §1797.153."
- 41. Also, North Coast EMS, local providers, hospitals, and many other organizations regularly participate in Medical Disaster coalition, and the Region II RCMHC program meetings, exercises etc., to help ensure program coordination between them, the MHOAC, and local and state health officials and agencies per HSC § 1797.152.
- **42.** North Coast EMS Agency is in compliance with Health and Safety Codes 1797.223, 1798.8 and Title 22 Chapter 4 Section 100170 and Article 5 section 100306 with regards to our EMS Communications Program.

Standard	EMSA Requirement	Meets Minimum Req.	(one	Long Range (more than one year)	Progress	Objective
1.01	LEMSA Structure	X	X	X	North Coast EMS (NCEMS) continued as the LEMSA on behalf of Del Norte, Humboldt and Lake Counties under the direction of the Joint Powers Governing Board. NCEMS currently has 5 full- time employees: Executive Director Larry Karsteadt, Associate Director Wendy Chapman, Regional EMS/Disaster Coordinator Kayce Hurd (replaced Louis Bruhnke), Executive Assistant Nicole Mobley, and Fiscal Manager Lee Hawkins. NCEMS has numerous part time independent contractors: Regional Medical Director Matt Karp. M.D., EDAP and Trauma RN Rita Henderson, e-PCR IT Jay Myhre, Office IT - Infinite, Auditor, Image Trend ICEMA, Lancet and Digital Innovations — Trauma Registry, Mental Health RN Stayce Curry, County Disaster Liaisons: Dennis Louy Del	Continue to convene JPA meetings to ensure oversight of NCEMS and utilize existing committees to ensure region-wide input. See quarterly General Fund Progress Reports, the most recent Trauma, Continuous Quality Improvement (QIP), EMS for Children (EMSC) and STEMI Annual Plan Revisions, and HPP Disaster Mid-Year Reports. Pending JPA Board direction and potential enhancements at St. Joseph Hospital, proceed with development of a formal Stroke System planning process in FY 2023. Please note that we have removed details covered in each of the three EMSA approved specialty care plans: STEMI, QIP, Trauma and EMSC to reduce
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1.02	LEMSA Mission	X	X	X	Humboldt, Morgan Fox (replaced Kimberly Baldwin) Lake, STEMI/Stroke Coordinator Selina Shontz, County Counsel Cathy Childs. NCEMS continued the HPP Disaster grant with CDPH. NCEMS continued to utilize or participate in numerous committees and as needed, local and state specialty resources to ensure technical and clinical expertise in our decision-making process. The mission of NCEMS is to enhance the EMS system consistent with California state laws and continuous quality improvement principles, through the pursuit of personnel excellence, effective leadership and positive working relationships. See 1.01 above.	each is compliant with current state regulations. Continue mission.
1.03	Public Input	Α	X	X	staff attended numerous and convened several committees: Medical Advisory (MAC), Trauma Advisory (TAC), the Humboldt-Del Norte STEMI and Stroke, Emergency Medical Care Committee	utilize existing EMCC, TAC STEMI & Stroke, EMSC, Disaster and MAC, EMSC, and other committees, and create or participate in new committees as needed.

					(EMCC), EMS for Children (EMSC), Behavioral Health, Disaster/HPP, Child Death Review, Injury Prevention, Fire Chiefs Association, and other local committees to ensure region-wide input into the planning, policy and procedure development processes utilized by NCEMS. These meetings have been virtual since the beginning of the Pandemic. We also continued the North Coast EMS Policy Review Committee process to ensure regional input and to help streamline the policy review, revision and creation process.	Continue to attend local, regional and state meetings, utilize the Policy Review Committee process, and solicit public input as needed.
1.04	Medical Director	X	X	X	Matthew Karp, M.D. continues as the Regional EMS Medical Director.	Nothing new.
1.05	EMS Plan	X	X	X	The last NCEMS Regional Plan revision was approved by the EMSA covering the period of 2019-2021. The EMSA also approved the 2019-21 Trauma Plan Update, the 2019-21 Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) Plan Update, the 2019- 21 EMS for Children Plan, the 2019-21 STEMI Care Plan	Following EMS stakeholder review, submit the revised Regional EMS Plan Update (this document is part of that Plan), the Regional Trauma Plan Update, the STEMI Plan Update, the EMSC Plan Update and the QIP Plan Update for 2022 for review by EMSA

			ſ		and, previously, the Humboldt County Transportation (EOA) Plan (HCTP). This update covers the period since the last Plan Update was approved by EMSA for 2022.	following Governing Board approval. We are planning to submit these Plan Updates to the JPA Governing Board for acceptance at the end of April 2022. NCEMS plans to review the draft Chapter 13 revision and comment when available.
1.06	Annual EMS Plan Update	X	X	X	See 1.05 above.	See 1.05 above.
1.07	Trauma Planning	X	X	X	See 2022 Trauma Plan Update.	See 1.05 above.
1.08	ALS Planning	X	X	X	North Coast EMS requested EMSA and received approval for the renewal of all our optional scope items of another three years that include IFT administration and monitoring of Heparin, Nitroglycerin, Blood and/or blood products, and the Continuation of Antibiotics. In addition, Ketamine and Tranexamic Acid have also been renewed. North Coast EMS implemented two Exclusive Operating Areas (EOAs) in Humboldt County via grandfathering and initiated a similar process in Del Norte	Modify ALS policies as needed. Continue to work with counties and providers to assess need for additional ALS non-transporting or ambulances, monitor the EOAs in Humboldt County, proceed with the SLCFPD EOA process as time allows, take the EOA request for DNA to the JPA Governing Board at the next meeting, and continue seek approval of expanded scope as needed

					County. The DNC Board of Supervisors subsequently recommended that NCEMS proceed with a Competitive EOA bid process for Del Norte Ambulance (DNA). See EOA section below.	from EMSA. We also plan to continue the delayed process to grandfather South Lake County Fire Protection District (SLCFPD) as an EOA provider.	
1.09	Inventory of Resources	X	X	X	The updated Inventory sections are included as part of this Regional EMS Plan update.		
1.10	Special Populations	X	X	X	North Coast EMS previously completed an eight-year federal EMSC TACTICAL grant with UCD-MC, conducted Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) site surveys to five of the seven hospitals, and continued to provide guidance for the management of Behavioral Health patients, etc. Also see the NCEMS Trauma, STEMI, QIP and EMSC Plan Updates. We previously conducted an informal assessment of prehospital and hospital stroke patient care to help address high mortality rates in all three counties, including	in 2023 to the two EDAP (St Joseph and Mad Rive. Hospital) as well as all four Trauma Centers.	incented [RHT]: Plan in vandoct are survey on 1973 to two Ps. St. Joseph and Mad Privar Bospital, as well as all four

					discussion and reinforcement of best practice models.	Trauma, QIP, STEMI and EMSC Plan Annual Updates
					We are hopeful that Adventist- Health Clearlake Hospital will seek designation as a Level IV Trauma Center and EDAP.	Continue efforts to enhance stroke patient care with best practice modeling and continue to assess potential development of a regional Stroke Program when staff time allows following state regulations and with sustainable funding.
1.11	System Participants	X	X	X	EMS System participant roles and responsibilities have been identified through written agreements with ALS Providers, hospital designations, and two EOAs pursuant to the Humboldt County Transportation Plan. Proceeded with EOA requests in Del Norte and Lake County as staff and contractor time allowed. Executed EOA contracts with performance measures, roles and responsibilities and implemented the Humboldt County Transportation Plan on January 1, 2022.	Continue to process Del Norte Ambulance EOA status by requesting direction from the JPA Governing Board specific to grandfathering or competitive bid. Continue the EOA process specific to the South Lake County Fire Protection District (SLCFPD) request.
					Initiated the EOA monitoring process in Humboldt County.	

1.12	Review & Monitoring	X	X	X	NCEMS providers continued to submit CEMSIS – EMS data to EMSA; quarterly QIP focused review summaries were received from hospitals and providers and were reviewed as staff time allowed. Training programs were monitored as staff time allowed. EDAP follow-up site surveys were conducted after a delay because of COVID-19 at four of six designated hospitals.	Continue to ensure submission of provider CEMSIS/NEMSIS EMS data to EMSA & evaluate for system improvement; continue to review STEMI data as part of STEMI System and trauma data as part of the Trauma System evaluation; monitor and review submitted QIP reports from hospitals and providers as staff time allows.
					NCEMS reviewed patient care related cases, and conducted disclosure protected case review meetings (Humboldt-Del Norte STEMI and Stroke, TAC). Patient Care Records,	Prepare and submit the EMS, QIP, Trauma, STEMI and EMSC Annual Updates to the JPA Board and EMSA.
					data reports, patient charts and other records were used to help evaluate and enhance the EMS System.	Conduct site visits to approved training programs, designated hospitals and ALS Providers as needed and as staff time allows.
					NCEMS initiated the process to update this Regional EMS Plan, the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP Plan), the STEMI Plan, the EMS for Children Plan and the Trauma	Continue to monitor approved EMD programs. Continue to review and monitor EMS system

JPA Board and, pending approval, the EMSA. Relative to the Regional Trauma System review and monitoring, see 1.06 and 1.07 above and the Trauma Plan Update. Relative to EOA implementation, see 1.11 above.	operations as needed, including evaluation of patient care throughout the region. Continue to address the need to ensure transmission of trauma registry data from all trauma centers to the state repository, continue monitoring and compliance assessment of designated hospitals, ALS Providers, EMD programs as staff and contractor time allows, and monitor the Exclusive Operating Area Transportation Plan in Humboldt County. Monitor training programs and review quarterly QIP reports as staff time allows.
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						Conduct the assessment of EOA eligibility for SLCFPD and if eligible, plan to proceed with implementation following the Humboldt County model. Continue to monitor and as needed conduct site surveys to Trauma Centers, STEMI Center and EDAPs. See STEMI, EMSC ad Trauma Plan Updates.
1.13	Coordination	X	X	X	A primary role of NCEMS is to coordinate regional EMS operations. NCEMS utilizes or participates in numerous EMS related committees and maintains policies to help ensure ongoing EMS system operations with EMS and input through public process.	
1.14	Policy and Procedures Manual	X	X	X	The NCEMS Policy and Procedures Manual was periodically updated and expanded by the Policy Review Committee as described above in 1.03 and 1.08. EpiPens, BG finger sticks and IN Narcan have been updated to basic scope for EMTs. EpiPens and IN Narcan remain optional scope for First	Continue to revise and add new policies as needed through the Policy Review Committee process, including: additional EMS System, EMT-I, EMT-P modifications as needed. Expand the optional EMT and paramedic scope of practice as needed.

					Responders and Public Safety first aid.	
1.15	Compliance with Policies	X	X	X	See 1.12, Section F, the Quality Improvement Plan and Trauma Plan updates. Annual Trauma Center Fees were set by the JPA Board.	Continue to oversee compliance of the NCEMS regional EMS system.
					NCEMS continued the oversight of EMS system compliance with statutes, regulations and policies through numerous mechanisms, including contracts, policies, site surveys, ongoing EMS system evaluation, etc.	
1.16	Funding Mechanism	X	X	X	Continued state GF and HPP Disaster contracts with EMSA and CDPH respectively. Local funds were received as projected although with a continued decline in Maddy Funding. County shares were paid by all three JPA member counties, in addition to certification and other ongoing fees. The annual STEMI Receiving Center Fee was received from SJH. The JPA Governing Board adopted Annual Trauma Center Fees	Continue efforts to increase and stabilize funding, such as: secure additional grants; work with EMSA to continue the recent State GF augmentation; continue the HPP grant and local funding; consider securing additional new revenue as needed to cover ongoing and new programs costs. Consider utilization of a portion of the Richie's Maddy Fund to help replace

		that were received from all	the UCDMC grant if needed.
		four trauma centers.	
			Continue annual collection
		Annual EOA fees were	of the ImageTrend Data
		received from City Ambulance	Access Fee, hospital fees,
		of Eureka and Arcata Mad	EOA fees and adopt new or
		River Ambulance, and the	increased fees as needed
		initial EOA fee was received	with JPA Board approval.
		from Del Norte Ambulance.	
			Assess feasibility of
		Pam Mather RN continued as	establishing and fiscally
		the contracted EOA Oversight	sustaining a Stroke
		and QI Officer.	program.
		and Q1 Officer.	program.
		Retrospective reimbursement	Plan to secure new revenue
		of NCEMS ImageTrend Data	to increase or maintain staff
		j j	size as needed.
		Access costs by providers was	size as needed.
		collected with one exception	D : 41 15: 1
		after the JPA Board approved	Review the annual Fiscal
		the associated fee.	Audit Report and submit to
			the JPA Board and other
		An annual Air Medical Fee	required entities.
		was received pursuant to the	
		contract with REACH Medical	
		Holding, LLC.	
		EMSA approved a GF an	
		augmentation for the first	
		time in 20 years that	
		supported JPA Board	
		approved employee increases	
·		and funded the Lake County	
		HPP/EMS Coordinator	
		position.	
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					Contracted with Morgan Fox to fill this role. Conducted the Annual NCEMS Fiscal Audit and expect to receive the report this quarter.	
1.17	Medical Direction	X	X	X	Six of seven hospitals within the region are designated as Modified Base Hospitals and one as a Base Hospital with MICNs – all provide medical direction to EMT-Ps. See 1.04.	Develop plan to conduct site surveys to designated Base Hospitals to verify compliance with contracts.
1.18	QA/QI	X	X	X	See 1.12, 1.15, Section 6 and the Annual QI Plan Update. Initiated the process to revise the QIP Plan update.	See 1.12, 1.15, Section 6 and submit Annual QI Plan Update. Continue to evaluate the Regional EMS System.
1.19	Policies, Procedures, Protocols	X	X	X	See 1.14 and 1.15. Continued approval of Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) programs at CAL-Fire Fortuna continued and jointly with Napa County EMS, the EMD program for Napa Cal-Fire Communications Center used by Lake County.	See 1.14 and 1.15.
1.20, 1.21 and 1.22	DNR, Determination of Death and Reporting of Abuse	X	X	X	The DNR policy has been updated to "End of Life Care" to address the many alternatives to end of life care.	Continue to monitor federal and state End of Life care policies and update as needed. Updating of

					Determination of Death policy has been updated with the changes recommended the American Heart Association.	Reporting of Abuse Policy is in progress
1.23	Interfacility Transfer	X	X	X	Attended IFT meetings in Lake County and continued review of the NCEMS IFT Policy. Suggested changes to be considered at a future Policy Review Committee meeting. The IFT policy is lengthy and is currently under revision. The Lake County Priority One and IFT Policies were again distributed for review.	Continue process to update IFT Policy and revise this year.
1.24	ALS Systems	X	X	X	See 1.08, 1.11 and 1.28. All providers utilizing paramedics are authorized ALS Providers by NCEMS via ongoing contracts.	See 1.08, 1.11. and 1.28.
1.25	On-line Medical Control	X	X	X	See 1.15, 1.17 and 1.24. All seven hospitals within the region are NCEMS designated Base or Modified Base via ongoing contracts.	See 1.15, 1.17 & 1.24.
1.26	Trauma System Plan	X	X	X	See Annual Regional Trauma Plan Update and 1.07.	See Annual Regional Trauma Plan update and 1.07.
1.27	Pediatric System Plan	X	X	X	See Annual EMSC Plan Update and 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.12, 1.15 & 1.16 & Section E.	See Annual EMSC Plan Update and 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.12, 1.15 & 1.16 & Section E.

					Conduct EDAP site surveys for Redwood and SJH.
1.28 EOA Plan	X	X	X	See 1.16. and Section 4. Previously implemented the Humboldt County Transportation Plan (HCTP) as approved by EMSA to noncompetitively grandfather two providers, City Ambulance of Eureka (CAE) and Arcata Mad River Ambulance (AMRA). Initiated monitoring process. Initiated EOA process in Del Norte County. The BOS recommended that NCEMS conduct a competitive bid process rather than the requested grandfathering process. NCEMS recently requested the formal application and fee payment from SLCFPD) specific to EOA grandfathering.	Continue to monitor the ARMA and CAE EOA contracts. Present the DNA grandfathering request and the DNC BOS recommendation to the JPA Board for direction Pending action by the JPA Board specific to the DNC EOA request and recommendation, NCEMS plans to conduct an assessment of SLCFPD EOA grandfather eligibility. Pending the outcome of that review, we plan to conduct grandfathering process similar to that conducted in Humboldt County.

Standard	EMSA Requirement	Meets Minimum Req.	(one	Long Range (more than one year)	Progress	Objective
2.01	Assessment of Needs	X	X	X	NCEMS assessed EMS system needs through a variety of mechanisms and targeted best practices and current EMS system enhancements. Narcan has been added to the EMT scope of Practice with optional additional for First Responders and Public Safety first aid. EpiPens and BG Finger stick has been added as a basic scope of practice to EMTs with EpiPens added as an optional scope for First Responders and PSFA. Solicited input on possible training programs at various meetings – testing the Regional MCI Plan update is planned soon in one of the counties with all three counties offering various degrees of training from Table Top to full scale drills. Ensured ongoing ALS coverage of southern	Continue to assess EMS system needs, implement best practices and EMS system enhancements. Continue process to implement Epi-Pens and Finger Sticks. Work with the EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee and EMSA as needed to continue to retain and expand the optional paramedic scope of practice. Continue process to enhance and streamline the policy development process. Host or support additional training programs and/or disaster medical exercises as determined.

					disaster integration through the EOA provider contract process in Humboldt County. Co-hosted with Humboldt County a Medical Health Operations Center Support Activities (MHOCSA) Course.	
2.02	Approval of Training	X	x	X	NCEMS continued approval of EMD, Public Safety, First Responder, EMT, paramedic, MICN, FTO and other training programs according to state regulations, guidelines and local policy. Continued monitoring of training programs and CE Providers as staff time allowed.	Approve new Public Safety, EMD, First Responder, Naloxone, MICN, EMT and Paramedic training programs as needed after compliance verification. Continue to monitor and update above programs to ensure ongoing compliance with state and regional standards.
					Facilitated Behavioral Health patient management processes in each county, continued the 5150 Manual (now posted on the Hospital Council of Middle and Northern California's website), updated 5150 training documents, completed development of a Behavioral Health medical screening form in Humboldt, and supported development of	Continue to coordinate Behavioral Health/EMS program enhancements in the three counties and California. See above.

					Behavioral Health/EMS trainings. Participated in numerous regional and state Behavioral Health/EMS meetings. Co-established a Behavioral Health EMSAAC Subcommittee. Helped bring attention to the need for Behavioral Health and EMS to integrate at the State level. Discontinued process to develop AEMT program policies due to an apparent lack of interest at this time See above.	
2.03	Personnel	X	X	X	See 2.01 and 2.02 NCEMS has numerous mechanisms to accredit, authorize and certify EMS personnel, including policies and procedures. NCEMS follows state standards relative to the review of unusual occurrences that could impact certifications. A few occurrences were reviewed but no action needed to be taken. The total number of NCEMS	See 2.01 and 2.02 Continue to reassess ways to streamline certification, accreditation and FTO approval. Continue to review discovered unusual occurrences and take action as appropriate and in accordance with state standards.

					certified, accredited and authorized personnel is 444 EMTs, 142 paramedics and 5 MICNs. Continued with all of the same employees and contractors, with the new addition of contractor Morgan Fox. Discontinued plans to hire or contract with a full time RN due to the lack of revenue.	
2.04	Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Training	X	X	X	See 1.12, 2.01 & 2.02 Two EMD programs in Humboldt County continue to be approved and monitored and a third EMD program, for Lake County, is jointly approved with Napa County.	See 1.12, 2.01 and 2.02 Monitor EMD Program as needed. Approve new EMD providers if interested.
2.05	First Responder Training	X	X	X	See 2.01, 2.02 & 2.03 Public Safety and First Responder training programs policies and procedures are adopted and implemented. NCEMS currently has five approved First Responder training programs. All first out ambulances are	See 2.01, 2.02 & 2.03 Monitor existing Public Safety and First Responder training programs. Approve new Public Safety and First Responder training programs as needed.

					staffed by at least one EMT and paramedic with a few exceptions. Some back-up units utilize two EMTs.	
2.06	Response	X	X	X	Numerous public safety and first responder agencies, and others, respond to medical emergencies according to state standards and NCEMS policies. Several are now using Naloxone pursuant to state regulation. We previously assessed a proposed BLS ambulance plan by CAE and recently participated in discussions about a potential paramedic back-up program at Northshore Fire if they loss more paramedics.	See 2.01, 2.02 & 2.03 Approve new Public Safety, First Responder, EMT, Paramedic training programs as requested.
2.07	First Responder Medical Control	X	X	X	See 1.04, 1.12, 1.15, 1.17, 1.24 & 1.25. All non-transporting and transporting ALS (paramedic) providers are authorized by NCEMS and assigned to a designated base hospital that oversees medical control by contract.	See 1.04, 1.12, 1.15, 1.24 & 1.25.
2.08	EMT-I Training	X	X	X	See 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.06 and 2.07. NCEMS currently has four approved EMT-I training programs.	See 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.06 and 2.07

					All county permitted or contracted ambulances predominantly utilize at least one currently certified EMT-I and one NCEMS accredited paramedic. Occasional exceptions occur within the region for BLS only ambulances in the region and non-EMT drivers in Lake County.	
2.09	CPR Training	X	X	X	All health or EMS personnel who provide direct emergency patient care are required by state standards to be trained in CPR. NCEMS approved Public Safety, First Responder, EMT and Paramedic training programs include or require current CPR training. See 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.05, 2.06 and 2.08.	See 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.05, 2.06 and 2.08.
2.10 2.11 2.12 2.13	Advanced Life Support Accreditation Process Early Defibrillation Base Hospital Personnel	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X	See 1.08, 1.12, 1.15, 1.17, 1.24 1.25. 2.02 & 2.07. Accreditation processes, set by state regulations, are followed. All licensed nurses and physicians who provide direct emergency care are required to be trained in ALS and, to our knowledge, most ED MDs	See 1.08 1.12, 1.15, 1.17, 1.25, 2.02, 2.03 & 2.07.

					are Boarded in Emergency Medicine. All Base Hospital personnel ED MDs and RNs are also required to be oriented to NCEMS policy and procedures. All accredited ALS personnel are required to be oriented to NCEMS policies and procedures.	
3.01	Communication Plan	X	X	X	NCEMS developed a Communications Plan and purchased a Med Net Communications system for field to base hospital medical control communications in the 1970's. Ownership and maintenance/replacement responsibility was transferred to each county for the Mt-Top Repeaters, to each hospital for the hospital radios and to each provider (transporting and ALS) in the 1980's. Med Net Equipment was later replaced and Humboldt County and subsequently enhanced the system for MCIs (WIDE- AREA) and medical surge. Lake County has a similar system. NCEMS started the process to update the Regional	Continue to work with all three counties to identify and resolve Med Net System issues as needed. Utilize Med-Repeater Trust Fund as needed with JPA Governing Board approval. Proceed with plans to update the Regional MCI Plan as staff time and other priorities allow.

					MCI Plan but it was delayed by other priorities including the pandemic. NCEMS also maintained the JPA Board approved Med-Net Repeater Trust Fund. The Del Norte County Med-Net Mt-Top Repeater has been dysfunctional for years and we previously agreed that paramedics could utilize cell phones for Base Hospital communications. This year,	
					the JPA Board approved the NCEMS request to utilize a portion of that fund to help	
					replace the Mt. Top Med-Net Repeaters in Lake County.	
3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05,	Radios, IFTs, Dispatch Center, Hospitals, MCI/Disaster	X	X	X	1	See 2.04, 3.01.
3.06, 3.09,	Communications, Dispatch Triage,					Monitor EMD programs in
3.10	Integrated Dispatch				continued to utilize a single	Humboldt and in Napa for
					dispatch center for all	Lake County, with Napa
					emergency ambulances, with	County EMS, as needed.
					the exception of dispatch of Hoopa (K'ima:w) Ambulance	Continue to assist with JPA
					by the Hoopa Tribal Dispatch	Board approved Med-Net
					Center.	Mt. Top Repeater
						maintenance needs.
					Humboldt and Lake County	
					have redundant Med Net	
					Repeaters that allow WIDE-	Continue to work with
					AREA hospital to hospital and	regional EMS partners to
					medical surge communications	
					respectively.	particularly of urgent

providers Departme Fortuna a approval FIRE Cor	patients. This and the difficulty in recruiting and retaining paramedics is a statewide wide problem and includes working with the EMSA, CDPH, EMSAAC, EMDAC, Partnership and the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California.
currently	onal hospitals utilize transfer cated outside of the
delays in staffed be and beha	counties experience IFTs due to limited ds for both medical vioral health
availabili vehicles. working	and due to limited ty of staffed transfer We have been with EMS partners to ET efficiencies,
evaluate access iss coordinat This incl	opportunities to ues and better e transfer needs, etc. uded working with ehavioral Health, all
hospital Semperv EMSAAC the Hosp	enavioral Health, all and providers, irens, EMSA, C, EMDAC, CDPH, ital Council of and Central

					California, Partnership, etc., and with the help of contractor Stayce Curry we have helped shed light on the Behavioral Health issue in the State. In Lake County, we regularly participated in IFT and Priority 1 meetings to enhance the process to utilize ALS units to promptly transfer urgent patients. Previously we assessed a potential back-up BLS ambulance plan by CAE in Humboldt County and recently, we discussed a potential ALS back-up plan at Northshore Fire in Lake County due to the lack of paramedics in California and across the Country.	
4.01	Service Boundaries	X	X	X	Based upon traditional practices, each county has long established ground ambulance transportation service areas. The service area in Del Norte County includes the entire county and a portion of southwestern Oregon, however, the BOS	Continue to work with county, hospitals, providers, committee and other representatives to help ensure ongoing provision of an adequate number of appropriately staffed ambulances as needed throughout the region. Participate in the process to

					discontinued the Ambulance Ordinance a few years ago (the County currently contracts with Del Norte Ambulance and sets minimum ambulance standards). Ambulance service boundaries are set in the Humboldt County BOS adopted county Ambulance Ordinance, and in Lake County, service areas are included in the BOS approved ordinance. The BOS decided to revise the ordinance but this process has been delayed. The service area in eastern Humboldt has long been covered by K'ima:w (Hoopa) Ambulance with ALS units in Hoopa and Willow Creek. The Humboldt County BOS again earmarked funds to help ensure continuation of current service levels. See 1.28 above.	update the Lake County Ambulance Ordinance when this moves forward. If we move forward with the EOA process in DNC with JPA Board direction, we plan to work with the County and DNA to assess the pros and cons of integrating the County contract with DNA into the Transportation (EOA) Plan. See 1.28 above.
4.02, 4.03,	Monitoring, Classifying Medical	X	X	X	See 1.28 above. See 1.28 and 4.01.	See 1.28 and 4.01.
4.02, 4.03, 4.04 & 4.05	Requests, Prescheduled Responses and Response Time Standards	Α	Α	Α	NCEMS submitted A-POT data to EMSA when requested.	Submit A-POT data to EMSA. Continue to monitor the

			11	Excluding Del Norte County,	EOA contracts in Humboldt
			1	č,	
				each county has a BOS	County, and in Del Norte
				approved Ambulance	County pending JPA Board
			1	Ordinance. DNC has a	direction specific to the EOA
			1	contract with DNA. The DNC	request.
4			:	and Lake County documents	
			:	addresses response times	If the JPA Board supports a
			:	standards.	DNA EOA grandfathering
					process, include response
			1	NCEMS has a policy/guideline	time standards based upon
			-	that specifies the EMSA	several years of experience
			1 1	recommended response time	in the DNC Transportation
		1	1 1	standards. NCEMS also has	(EOA) Plan. If the JPA
			1 1	specific response time criteria	Board directs NCEMS to
			1 1	based on several years of data	conduct a competitive bid
				in the EOA contracts with	process in DNC, we will have
			1	CAE and AMRA in Humboldt	to assess and recover
			1 1	County and these standards	projected costs before
			1	are monitored quarterly.	proceeding with the EOA
		1	1 1	Similar monitoring is planned	process that will likely
					include response time
				as part of the EOA processes in DNC and LC.	standards.
				in DNC and LC.	standards.
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			1	NCEMS also has a classifying	
			1	medical requests policy and	
			1 1	approved EMD providers	
			1 1	utilize national standards for	
				classifying medical requests,	
1				the latter with Regional	
				Medical Director approval.	
				NCEMS encourages	
				transferring hospitals to pre-	
				schedule IFTs when possible	
				to minimize negative impact	

					on the 9-1-1 system and urgent IFTs. NCEMS continued to monitor authorized ALS Providers as staff time allowed and worked with JPA member counties as needed to help monitor ambulance services through the existing QI and data collection programs.	
4.06	Ambulance Staffing	X	X	X	See 1.08, 1.24, 1.28, 2.03, 2.08	See 1.08, 1.24, 1.28, 2.03, 2.08
4.07	First Responder Agencies	X	X	X	See 2.01, 2.02, 2.05 & 2.07 NCEMS currently has around 50 first responder, three nontransport agencies, nine ground ambulance services operating within the region. One rotor air medical provider is operating within Lake County under Coastal Valley's EMS oversight and the contract with REACH Medical Holdings. The latter also covers the two fixed wing and one CCT unit used in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. NCEMS has contracts with all authorized ALS Providers and with REACH Medical Holdings; the	See 2.01, 2.02, 2.05 & 2.07.

					latter includes both ALS and air medical services.	
4.08 & 4.09	Medical & Rescue Aircraft Air Dispatch Center	X X	X X	X X	See 1.08, 3.04, 3.06 and 4.07. NCEMS has a policy for categorizing medical aircraft that is consistent with state guidelines.	See 1.08, 3.04, 3.06 and 4.07.
					The CAL-FIRE Communications Center in Fortuna, Humboldt County dispatches all EMS rotor aircraft for Del Norte and Humboldt Counties, although none are located within the two counties. The Napa CAL- FIRE Communications Center dispatches rotor air medical	
4.10	Aircraft Availability	X	X	X	resources for Lake County. See 4.08. One REACH air medical unit continued to be located in Lake County, with written confirmation of oversight with Coastal Valley's EMS and the contract with REACH Medical Holdings LLC. The latter also covers Cal-Ore Life Flight for IFT only in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, and CCT unit in Del Norte County. Air medical providers routinely operating within the region	

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					from outside the region may	į
					have written agreements with	
					North Coast EMS but ongoing	
					reciprocity agreements with	
					neighboring LEMSAs and	,
					state paramedic regulations	
					allow paramedics from one	
					jurisdiction to operate in	
					another via mutual aid.	
4.11, 4.12,	Specialty Vehicles, Disaster	X	X	X	See Section 8.	See Section 8.
4.13, 4.14,	Response, Intercounty					1
4.15	Response, ICS & MCI				NCEMS region stakeholders	Implement the disaster
	Plans				utilize specialty vehicles	requirements and if the EOA
						moves forward in Del Norte
					access, transport and transfer	County.
					patients. In Humboldt County	
					this includes four-wheel drive	Assist with processes to
					ambulances.	utilize specialty ambulances
						and ambulance mutual aid
					Continued the HPP Disaster	resources as needed.
					contract with CDPH. The	resources as needed.
					Regional EMS Coordinator is	Complete the internal review
					also the Regional Disaster	and update of the Regional
					Coordinator and each county	Multi Casualty (MCI) Plan
				1	has an NCEMS County EMS	including incorporation of
					1	relevant Mass Casualty
					Disaster Liaison.	considerations.
	1				MOEMO C 141 HDD	considerations.
}	1				NCEMS continued the HPP	
					Disaster Liaison contracts in	Conduct or participate in
					Humboldt with Patrick Lynch,	MCI Plan exercises in each
	1				in Del Norte County with	County as staff time allows.
					Dennis Louy and we	
					contracted with Morgan Fox	
					as the Lake County Disaster	
				L	and EMS Liaison.	

		 				
					Dennis conducted a test of the Regional MCI Plan. The EOA contracts include provider related disaster requirements as stated in the HCTP.	
					NCEMS has reciprocity agreements with surrounding LEMSAs specific to cross-jurisdictional use of paramedics and ambulance mutual aid resources.	
					Implemented the disaster requirements in Humboldt County as part of the EOA contracts.	
4.16	ALS Staffing	X	X	X	See 1.08, 1.24, 2.02, 2.03, 2.10 & 4.06	See 1.08, 1.24, 2.02, 2.03, 2.10 & 4.06
4.17 and 4.18	ALS Equipment and Compliance	X	X	X	See 1.08, 1.24, 2.02, 2.03, 2.10, 4.06 and 4.16. All private and public ambulances operating within the region maintain CHP approval for BLS equipment and approved NCEMS ALS Providers are required to follow the ALS equipment policy.	
					NCEMS has written	

					agreements with all approved ALS provider that ensure compliance with NCEMS policies, state standards, etc.	
4.19	Transportation Plan	X	X	X	The Humboldt County Transportation (EOA) Plan was previously approved by EMSA. Both EOA contracts were executed in Humboldt County effective 1/1/2022.	See 1.11, 1.12, 1.16, 1.28, 2.01, 4.01, 4.05, 4.15, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22. In Del Norte County, prepare for JPA Board
					In Humboldt County, initiate the quarterly EOA monitoring process on 1/1/2022.	direction specific to the DNA EOA grandfathering request and the BOS recommendation to instead
					We received the EOA grandfathering request from Del Norte Ambulance and	conduct a competitive bid process. The latter will require substantial
					determined that they are eligible to be grandfathered.	planning, funding, assessment, staff time and will require the services of
					Secured JPA approved annual EOA fees from CAE, AMRA and DNA.	an experienced competitive bid contractor.
					We contracted with Pam Mather to coordinate the EOA	Pending JPA Board direction, initiate the process to prepare the DNC
					processes in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.	Transportation Plan, obtain public input, BOS support and JPA Board approval,
					We recently requested an EOA application and payment from SLCFPD.	and submit Plan to EMSA. Proceed with the SLCFPD
					from SLCFPD.	EOA request pending action

					See 1.11, 1.12, 1.16, 1.28, 2.01, 4.01, 4.05, 4.15, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22.	by the JPA Board on the DNC EOA process.
4.20	"Grandfathering"	X	X	X	See 1.11, 1.12, 1.16, 1.28, 2.01, 4.01, 4.05, 4.15, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22.	See 1.11, 1.12, 1.16, 1.28, 2.01, 4.01, 4.05, 4.15, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22.
4.21	EOA Compliance	X	X	X	See 1.11, 1.12, 1.16, 1.28, 2.01, 4.01, 4.05, 4.15, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22. Implemented EOA compliance measures pursuant to HCTP.	2.01, 4.01, 4.05, 4.15, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22.
4.22	EOA Evaluation	X	X	X	See 1.11, 1.12, 1.16, 1.28, 2.01, 4.01, 4.05, 4.15, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22. See above.	See 1.11, 1.12, 1.16, 1.28, 2.01, 4.01, 4.05, 4.15, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22. See above.

Standard	EMSA Requirement	Meets Minimum Req.	(one	Long Range (more than one year)	Progress	Objective
5.01	Assessment of Facilities Capabilities	X	X	X	See recent Trauma Plan, STEMI Plan, Quality Improvement and EMSC Annual Plan Updates. NCEMS has executed Paramedic Base Hospital agreements with all seven hospitals, EDAP designation agreements with six of the seven facilities, four Trauma Center agreements and one STEMI Receiving Center (St. Joseph) pursuant to state regulations and regional policy. Previously conducted Trauma Center Site Surveys at all four Trauma Centers and all remain designated or provisionally designated. Previously conducted EDAP site surveys at Sutter Lakeside, Adventist Health Clearlake, Jerold Phelps Community, Mad River Community, and Sutter Coast Hospitals. All designations	See recent Trauma Plan, STEMI Plan, Quality Improvement Plan and EMSC Annual Plan Updates. Continue Stroke Patient assessment of EMS system enhancements and determine feasibility and need to develop a formal Stroke System. Pending other priorities and JPA Board direction, we plan to begin the formal Stroke development process as soon as is feasible. Assess Paramedic Base Hospitals as needed and as staff time allows. Conduct STEMI/Stroke Committee and TAC meetings, including disclosure protected case review. Continue C.A.R.E.S. project, and trauma and STEMI data

					were continued with some follow-up requirements. Conducted Humboldt County Cardiac Committee (now STEMI and Stroke), Lake Trauma Advisory (TAC) and Humboldt-Del Norte TAC Committee meetings that	and case review. Continue to submit Core Measures Reports to EMSA when requested.	
					included disclosure protected case review. Have combined the Lake County and Del Norte-Humboldt County TACs into one, North Coast EMS Regional TAC meeting.	South	migrated [RRI2]: These conditions the Late Courts and Del Thomboth Counts TAC announce, Scoth Court FAPs Regional (macron)
					Continued discussion of best practice modeling of regional prehospital and hospital Stroke Patient care due to high mortality rates.		
					Reviewed trauma registry submission at all Trauma and STEMI Centers. Completed the C.A.R.E.S. data collection project and		
5.02	Triage & Transfer Protocols	X	X	X	submitted Core Measures data to EMSA. See 1.08 and 1.23.	See 1.08 and 1.23.	
					Continued process to review	Revise IFT Policy as needed.	

		V.	V	V	the NCEMS IFT Policy and implemented a Re-triage Policy. Continued the Policy Review Committee process and reviewed opportunities to streamline this more. Hospital designation site surveys review transfer policies and ensure transfer agreements. Continued process to update the IFT Policy.	2
5.03	Transfer Guidelines	X	X	X	See 1.23 & 5.02 NCEMS has a Transfer (IFT) Policy and continued the review process. NCEMS participates in North-RTCC meetings that review cross-jurisdictional trauma patients transfers for educational purposes. We also participate in Lake County IFT meetings and discussed transfer issues at the Humboldt Del Norte MAC and other meetings.	See 1.23 & 5.02. The NCEMS Transfer Policy with stakeholder input is updated as needed.
5.04	Specialty Care Facilities	X	X	X	See 1.26, 1.27 and 5.01	See 1.26, 1.27 and 5.01
5.05	Mass Casualty Management	X	X	X	See Section 8 and 4.12, 4.13,	See Section 8 and 4.12, 4.13,

5.06	Hospital Evacuation				4.14 and 4.15.	4.14 and 4.15.
					As part of the HPP grant, NCEMS and County Disaster liaisons encourage hospital and county representatives to prepare for mass casualty management.	Work with Public Health and Provider representatives in each county to review MHOAC and Disaster roles and responsibilities as needed.
					Initiated the process to update the Regional MCI Plan but this was delayed by the pandemic.	Continue to oversee the NCEMS HPP program and continue contracts with the three County Disaster Liaisons.
						Continue to work with MHOACs, hospitals, Disaster liaisons, EMS providers and others to assist hospital preparation for mass casualty and pandemic patient management.
5.07	Base Hospital Designation	X	X	X	See 1.07, 1.12, 1.15, 1.17, 2.07, 2.10 & 5.01	See 1.07, 1.12, 1.15, 1.17, 1.25, 2.07, 2.10 & 5.01
					NCEMS has Base Hospital designation contracts with all seven hospitals in the region. All but one hospital are "Modified" Base Hospitals that are not required to utilize MICNs.	If requested, continue the process to designate Sutter-Lakeside Hospital as a Modified Base Hospital and if so, complete update of the contract. Assess Base Hospital

					The two stand-by hospitals are approved as Alternative Base Stations.	contract compliance for cause and if we have sufficient staff/contractor time.
5.08 and 5.09	Trauma System Design and Public Input	X	X	X	See 1.07, 1.26, 5.01, 5.02 & Trauma System Annual Plan Update.	See 1.07, 1.26, 5.01, 5.02 & Trauma System Annual Plan Update.
5.10 5.11 5.12	Pediatric System Design Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics Public Input	X	X	X	See recent EMSC Annual Plan Update and 1.03, 1.27 & 5.01	See EMSC Annual Plan Update and 1.03, 1.27 & 5.01
5.13	Specialty System Design – Cardiac/Stroke:	X	X	X	See recent Annual STEMI Plan Update and 4.17 & 5.01.	See STEMI Annual Plan Update and 4.17 & 5.01. Continue to promote best practices and consider adoption of a formal Stroke System Plan pursuant to state regulations and pending other priorities.
5.14	Specialty Planning Public Input	X	X	X	See Trauma, EMSC and STEMI Plans and 1.03, 5.09 and 5.12.	See Trauma, EMSC and STEMI Plans and 1.03, 5.09 and 5.12. Convene Stroke Committee to ensure public input.
5.15	Subsystem Evaluation and Data Collection Program: A. Patient Registry – an ImageTrend e-PCR is completed on each field transported STEMI, medical, pediatric and trauma patient.	Х	X	X	See recent Trauma, STEMI and EMSC Plan Updates and 1,12, 4.02, 5.01, 5.13 & Section 6. Conducted several STEMI/Stroke and TAC	See Trauma, STEMI and EMSC Plan Updates and 1.12, 4.02, 5.01, 5.13 & Section 6. Ensure that NCEMS Core Measures are submitted to

All providers submit ImageTrend data to the ICEMA	meetings. Reviewed cardiac and trauma cases. Core	EMSA. Review STEMI Receiving Center and
repository.	Measures and C.A.R.E.S.	Trauma Center data and
B. Designated trauma centers are	data.	reports, and conduct case
required to submit Trauma		review at disclosure
Registry data to ImageTrend	NCEMS recovered most of our	protected meetings.
with NCEMS access.	ALS Provider costs for access	
C. In Humboldt County we will	to ImageTrend e-PCR	Collect, review and submit
receive & review cardiac patient	program data through	C.A.R.E.S. data.
information for review at HCCC	ICEMA. The JPA Board	
meetings (now STEMI and	approved annual per volume	Prepare, review and submit
Stroke meetings).	fees and all but one provider	A-POT data.
D. NCEMS is coordinating	has submitted these thus far.	
implementation of the		
C.A.R.E.S. program.	North Coast EMS submitted	
E. NCEMS submits A-POT data as	Core Measures and A-POT	
required by EMSA.	data to EMSA and C.A.R.E.S.	
	data to Coastal Valley's EMS	

Standard	EMSA Requirement	Meets Minimum Req.	Short Range (one year or less)	Long Range (more than one year)	Progress	Objective
6.01	QA/QI Program	X	less) X	X X	See 1.12, 1.15, 1.18, 1.27, 2.04, 4.02, 5.13, 5.15 and Annual QIP Plan Update. NCEMS has a robust, coordinated and evolving QA/QI program that meets or exceeds state guidelines and standards. A primary mission of NCEMS is to ensure delivery of quality patient care and continuously enhance the EMS System. As staff time allowed, reviewed QIP Reports from all Base Hospitals and ALS providers; reviewed PCRs, ImageTrend, cardiac, EMSC	2.04, 4.02, 5.13, 5.15 and Annual QIP Plan Update. Submit the QIP Plan Update to EMSA as soon as possible after acceptance by the JPA Board. Continue to oversee and monitor the Regional EMS, STEMI, Trauma and EMSC systems. Set up a process to assess available stroke data. Continue to prepare and
					and trauma data and investigated cases brought to our attention. The QIP Reports are intended to be quarterly but were delayed by pandemic, a change in personnel and other priorities. Administered and provided medical oversight of the NCEMS QA/QI program.	review EMS system response time data for transporting ALS Providers.

					Continued QI oversight of the EMS System and STEMI, EMSC, Trauma Specialty Care Subsystems. The last FY 2019-21 QIP Plan Update was approved by EMSA and the 2022 Annual Plan Update includes this document. Conducted or participated in HCCC, TAC, EMSC, EMCC, IFT and MAC meetings, some of which included disclosure protected review of cases.	
6.02	Prehospital Records	X	X	X	See 1.12, 1.15, 1.18, 1.27, 2.04, 4.02, 5.13 & 5.15. NCEMS continues to approve use of the ImageTrend program administered by ICEMA. Four providers are also approved to utilize other programs: Del Norte Ambulance – Collector, a proprietary ImageTrend program (AMRA, CAE and REACH Medical Holdings, LLC.), Northshore Fire utilizes another program Beyond Lucid All approved ALS providers	See 1.12, 1.15, 1.18, 1.27, 2.04, 4.02, 5.13, 5.15 and 6.01. Continue to ensure transmission of provider e-PCR data to EMSA and assist as needed. Continue to recoup NCEMS ImageTrend costs for provider use. Consider shifting to direct providers payments to ICEMA. Continue to participate in the EMSA Core Measures program.

					transmit e-PCR to the state repository. A-POT and Core Measures data was submitted to EMSA as requested. C.A.R.E.S. data was submitted to Coastal Valley's EMS. NCEMS utilizes an e-PCR programmer to assist with e-PCR data retrieval, queries, reports, etc., from the state repository. Continued the annual per volume ImageTrend user base rate fee to NCEMS to ensure data access as required by statute. All but one provider have paid this JPA Board approved fee.	Ensure that any e-PCR programs acquired by providers meets state and local requirements for data transmission and QI. Continue to mine ImageTrend data for reports, queries, etc.
6.03	Prehospital Care Audits	X	X	X	See 6.01 & 6.02. All ALS Providers and Base Hospitals continue to conduct audits on patient care activity and are required to follow associated NCEMS policies, including Field Care Audits conducted by each Base Hospital.	See 6.01 & 6.02 Send quarterly QIP focus topics to hospitals and providers and review and compile as staff time allows.

					The Regional EMS Coordinator identifies quarterly QIP focused audits although this has been delayed by the pandemic and staff turnover.	
6.04	Medical Dispatch	X	X	X	See 2.04, 3.01, 3.02, 3.04, 3.09, 4.03 and 4.09.	See 2.04, 3.01, 3.02, 3.04, 3.09, 4.03 and 4.09.
6.05	Data Management System	X	X	X	See 1.12, 1.15, 1.18, 1.26, 1.27, 2.04, 4.02, 4.18, 4.21, 4.22, 5.08, 5.10, 5.11, 5.13, 6.01, 6.02 and QIP Annual Plan Update.	See 1.12, 1.15, 1.18, 1.26, 1.27, 2.04, 4.02, 4.18, 4.21, 4.22, 5.08, 5.10, 5.11, 5.13, 6.01, 6.02 and QIP Annual Plan Update.
						Complete revision of the QIP Plan Update for submission to EMSA.
6.06	System Design Evaluation	X	X	X	See 1.12, 1.15, 1.18, 1.26, 1.27, 2.04, 4.02, 4.18, 4.21, 4.22, 5.08, 5.10, 5.11, 5.13, 6.01, 6.02 and QIP Annual Plan Update.	See 1.12, 1.15, 1.18, 1.26, 1.27, 2.04, 4.02, 4.18, 4.21, 4.22, 5.08, 5.10, 5.11, 5.13, 6.01, 6.02, 6.05 and QIP Annual Plan Update.
6.07	Provider Participation	X	X	X	See 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.05 & 6.06. NCEMS QIP Plans are approved for all providers. Provider and Base Hospital Quarterly QI Reports reviewed & summarized by NCEMS as staff time allows.	Continue to require focused QI Reports as staff time allows.

6.08, 6.09	Reporting and ALS Audit	X	X	X	See Section 1, 2, 4, 5.14, 5.15, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.05, 6.06, 6.07 and the QIP Annual Plan Update.	See Section 1, 2, 4, 5.14, 5.15, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.05, 6.06, 6.07 and the QIP Annual Plan Update.
					Interested JPA Governing Board, Public Health, MAC, STEMI/Stroke, TAC and EMCC members are included in the annual EMS, Trauma, STEMI, EMSC and QIP Plan Update review process. North Coast EMS submits required progress reports to EMSA, CDPH and UCD-MC. These are made available to JPA Board members, EMS stakeholders and the public as	Continue to prepare, submit and distribute required reports to EMSA and regional EMS partners.
6.10, 6.11	Trauma System Evaluation and Data	X	X	X	appropriate. See Annual Trauma Plan Update & 1.07, 1.26, 5.04, 5.08, 6.10 and 6.11.	See Annual Trauma Plan Update & 1.07, 1.26, 5.04, 5.08, 6.10 and 6.11.
7.01 7.02 7.03 7.04	Public Information Materials Injury Control Disaster Preparedness First Aid & CPR	X	X	X	Continued participation in PIE Activities, mostly related to EMSC, as staff time allowed. Associate Director continues to attend and participate in: Car Seat programs, Child Death Review meetings, etc.	Continue participation as staff time allows. See quarterly GF and HPP progress reports.

					Executive Director, Regional EMS/Disaster Coordinator and County Disaster Liaisons continue to participate in disaster preparedness planning activities. See quarterly General Fund and HPP reports. NCEMS approves Public Safety, First Responder, EMT and Paramedic training programs that ensure training in first aid, CPR, BLS and ALS as appropriate.	
Standard	EMSA Requirement	Meets Minimum Req.	(one	Long Range (more than one year)	Progress	Objective
8.01 8.02 8.03 8.04 8.05 8.06 8.07 8.08 8.09 8.10 8.11 8.12 8.13	Disaster Medical Planning, Response Plans, HazMat Training, ICS, Casualty Distribution, Needs Assessment Disaster Communications, Inventory of Resources, DMAT Teams, Mutual Aid Agreements, CCPs, Training, Plans, Communications, Policies, Roles, and Waiving Exclusivity	Х	X	X	See 3.01, 3.02, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 3.09, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.15, 5.05, Section 7, and CDPH Disaster Work Plan and Progress Reports. Continued to support and work with MHOACs and HPP personnel in each county. Participated in County Disaster Medical planning & drills.	See 3.01, 3.02, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 3.09, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.15, 5.05, Section 7, and CDPH Disaster Project Work Plans and Progress Reports. Submit the FY 2022-23 Year-End Report to CDPH. Continue to participate in and help coordinate disaster medical activities.

8.14		Continue Regional HPP
8.15	Continued the Regional HPP	Disaster grant.
8.16	Disaster project with CDPH	
8.17	funding.	Continue HPP program with
8.18	1	focus on planning of the
8.19	Continued contracts with	regional disaster medical
	County Disaster HPP Liaisons	1 ~
	including initiation of a	collaboration with EMSA,
	contract with Morgan Fox in	CDPH, EMSAAC, JPA-
	Lake County.	member counties, EMS
		partners and the MHOAC
	Worked collaboratively with	program.
	EMSA, CDPH, OES, JPA	
	Member counties, providers	Continue to help identify
	and others to address CDPH	future HPP LEMSA
	targeted deliverables.	deliverables and accomplish
		targeted deliverables as part
	Incorporated disaster medical	of the HPP grant with
	and transportation	CDPH.
	responsibilities into the EOA	
	contracts.	
	Submitted the FY 2020-21	
·	Year-End Report, the FY 23-	
	24 Capabilities document and	
	the FY 2022-23 Mid-Year HPP	1
	Report to CDPH.	

TABLE 2: SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

Repor	ting Year:	2022		
NOTE	: Number (1) below is agency.	to be completed for each county	. The balance of Table	2 refers to each
1.	Percentage of population (Identify for the maximu	on served by each level of care burn level of service offered; the to	by county: otal of a, b, and c should	equal 100%.)
	County: <u>Del Norte, F</u>	Humboldt, Lake		
	A. Basic Life SupportB. Limited AdvancedC. Advanced Life Support	Life Support (LALS)		% % 100%
	d) Joint Powers Agend e) Private Non-Profit E	rices Agency County Department cy ⊠		
	a) Public Health Officeb) Health Services Agc) Board of Directors	for day-to-day activities of the E er ency Director/Administrator x	MS agency reports to	
4.	ndicate the non-require	ed functions which are performed	by the agency:	
	Designation of trauma of Designation/approval of Designation of other crit Development of transfer Enforcement of local and Enforcement of ambular Operation of ambulance Continuing education Personnel training Operation of oversight of Non-medical disaster propertions of the continuing of the contin	tical care centers r agreements nbulance ordinance nce service contracts e service of EMS dispatch center lanning	ning	underway X X X X X X X X M M M M M M M M M M
	Administration of critica	I incident stress debriefing team	(CISD)	

TABLE 2: SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT (cont.)

	Administration of disaster medical assistance team (DMAT)	
	Administration of EMS Fund [Senate Bill (SB) 12/612]	
	Other:	
	Other:	
	Other:	
5.	EXPENSES	¢ 440.077.00
	Salaries and benefits (All but contract personnel)	\$ <u>449,977.00</u>
	Contract Services (e.g. medical director)	<u>176,919.00</u>
	Operations (e.g. copying, postage, facilities)	<u>68,646.00</u> 24,471.00
	Travel Fixed assets	24,411.00
	Indirect expenses (overhead)	
	Ambulance subsidy	And the second s
	EMS Fund payments to physicians/hospital	
	Dispatch center operations (non-staff)	
	Training program operations	
	Other: Current Liabilities	14,457.00
	Other: Audit	6,700.00
	Other:	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 741,170.00
6.	SOURCES OF REVENUE Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant	<u>\$56,127.00</u>
	Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)	
	State general fund	241,868.00
	County general fund (mednet)	<u>1,500.00</u>
	Other local tax funds (e.g., EMS district)	
	County contracts (e.g. multi-county agencies)	63,053.00
	Certification fees	_15,000.00
	Training program approval fees	
	Training program tuition/Average daily attendance funds (ADA)	-
	Job Training Partnership ACT (JTPA) funds/other payments	
	Base hospital application fees	

SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT (cont.)

TABLE 2:

Trauma center designation fees	IV = \$5,000 IV + = 15,000
	III = \$15,000 \$40,000
Pediatric facility approval fees	-
Pediatric facility designation fees	
Other critical care center application fees	<u> 10,000.00</u>
Type: STEMI Receiving Center	
Other critical care center designation fees	
Type :	
Ambulance service/vehicle fees	
Contributions (unassigned reserve)	<u>38,535.00</u>
EMS Fund (SB 12/612)(Richie&Maddy)	<u>193,000.00</u>
Other grants: UC DAVIS	<u>50,987.00</u>
Other fees:	
Other (specify): <u>Trauma Center Fees</u>	40,000.00
Other (specify): _Air MED	<u>10,000.00</u>
Other (specify): <u>EOA Fee</u>	20,000.00
Other (specify): <u>Interest</u>	300.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ <u>741,170.00</u>

TOTAL REVENUE SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL EXPENSES.

IF THEY DON'T, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

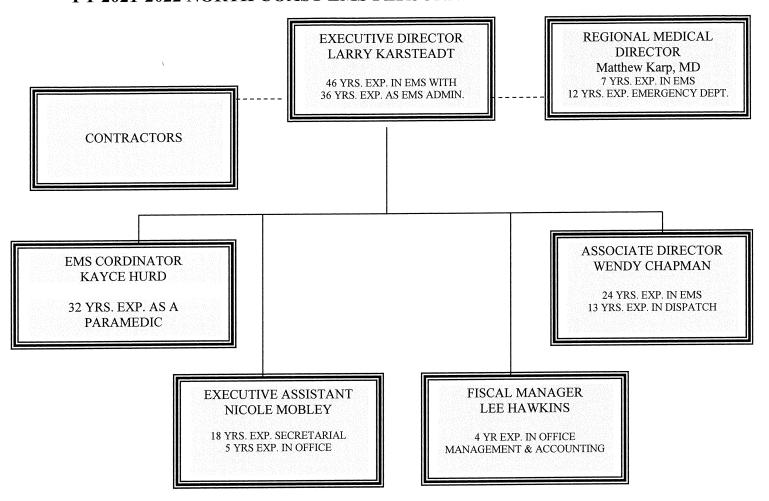
TABLE 2: SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT (cont.)

7.	Fee structure	
	We do not charge any fees	
	X Our fee structure is:	
	First responder certification	\$ <u>NA</u>
	EMS dispatcher certification	<u>NA</u>
	EMT-I certification	40/20
	EMT-I recertification	40/20
	EMT-defibrillation certification	NA
	EMT-defibrillation recertification	NA
	AEMT certification	NA
	AEMT recertification	NA
	EMT-P accreditation	<u> 150</u>
	Mobile Intensive Care Nurse/Authorized Registered Nurse certification	<u>\$80</u>
	MICN/ARN recertification	<u>\$50</u>
	EMT-I training program approval	None at this time
	AEMT training program approval	None at this time
	EMT-P training program approval	None at this time
	MICN/ARN training program approval	None at this time
	Base hospital application	None at this time
	Base hospital designation	None at this time
	Trauma center application	2,500
	Trauma center designation	<u>\$5,000-15,000</u>
	Initial Level III	\$ <u>40,000</u>
	Initial Level IV	\$20,000
	Pediatric facility approval	None at this time
	Pediatric facility designation	None at this time
	Other critical care center application	
	Type: <u>STEMI</u>	<u>Initial \$15,000</u> Annual \$10,000
	Other critical care center designation Type:TRAUMA Site Survey	3,500
	Ambulance service License	County Function
	Ambulance vehicle permits	County Function
	Other: <u>EOA</u>	20,000
	Other: <u>Aero Medical</u>	10,000
	Oth ar:	

LE 2: SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT (cont.)

CATEGORY	ACTUAL TITLE	FTE POSITIONS (EMS ONLY)	TOP SALARY BY HOURLY EQUIVALENT	BENEFITS (%of Salary)	COMMENTS
MS Admin./Coord./Director	Executive Director	1.0	96,158.00	25,685.00	
sst. Admin./Admin.Asst./Admin. Mgr.	Assistant Director	1.0	81,106.00	21,664.00	
LS Coord./Field Coord./Trng Coordinator	Program Manager	1.0	68,007.00	16,630.00	
rogram Coordinator/Field Liaison lon-clinical) EMSC UC Davis	Project Manager	0.10	6,968.00	1,861.00	
rauma Coordinator					
edical Director	Medical Director		25,000.00	N/A	
ther MD/Medical Consult/Training Medical irector					
isaster Medical Planner					
ata Evaluator/Analyst					
A/QI Coordinator					
ublic Info. & Education Coordinator					
xecutive Secretary	Executie Assistant	1.0	34,481.00	9,210.00	
ther Clerical	Fiscal Manager	.8	49,882.00	13,325.00	
ata Entry Clerk					
Other					

FY 2021-2022 NORTH COAST EMS PERSONNEL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



IBLE 3: STAFFING/TRAINING

porting Year: 2022

ITE: Table 3 is to be reported by agency.

	EMT - Is	EMT - IIs	EMT - Ps	MICN
Total Certified	444	NA	137	5
Number newly certified this year	NA	NA	NA	NA
Number recertified this year	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total number of accredited personnel on July 1 of the reporting year	444	NA	137	5
Number o	of certification re	eviews resulting in:		
a) formal investigations	0	0	0	0
b) probation	0	0	0	0
c) suspensions	0	0	0	0
d) revocations	0	0	0	0
e) denials	0	0	0	0
f) denials of renewal	0	0	0	0
g) no action taken	0	0	0	0

a) Number of EMT-I (defib) authorized to use AEDs

b) Number of public safety (defib) certified (non-EMT-I)

___444___ ___NA

2. Do you have an EMR training program= First Responder

⊠ yes □ no

TABLE 4: SYSTEM RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS - Communications

Note	: Table 4 is to	o be answered for e	each county.		
Cou	nty:	Del Norte			
Repo	orting Year:	2022	_		
1.	Number of p	rimary Public Serv	ice Answering Poin	ts (PSAP)	1
2.	Number of se	econdary PSAPs			0
3.	Number of d	ispatch centers dire	ectly dispatching am	bulances	1
4.	Number of I	EMS dispatch agen	cies utilizing EMD	guidelines	0
5.	Number of d	esignated dispatch	centers for EMS Ai	rcraft	1
6.	•	primary dispatch a	agency for day-to-da	ay emergencies?	
7.	_Del Norte S	Sheriff Dispatch	agency for a disaster	·? 	
8.	Do you have		ea disaster communi 155.175	cation system?	⊠Yes□ No
	b. Other met	thods	Cell Phone	Satellite Phone	
		•	its communicate on on our Emergency ^v	the same disaster V-Call Frequency 155.725.	⊠Yes□ No
	d. Do you pa (OASIS)?		erational Area Satel	llite Information System	⊠Yes□ No
			e the Radio Amateur nunication system?	r Civil Emergency Services	⊠Yes□ No
	1) Withi	n the operational a	rea?		⊠ Yes□No
	2) Betwee	en operation area a	nd the region and/or	state?	⊠ Yes □No

TABLE 4: SYSTEM RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS - Communications

Note	: Table 4 is to	be answered for ea	ach county.	
Cou	nty:	Humbo	<u>oldt</u>	
Repo	orting Year:	2022	_	
1.	Number of pr	imary Public Servi	ce Answering Points (PSAP)	8
2.	Number of se	condary PSAPs		1
3.	Number of di	spatch centers dire	ctly dispatching ambulances	2
4.	Number of E	MS dispatch agenc	ies utilizing EMD guidelines	2
5.	Number of de	signated dispatch	centers for EMS Aircraft	1
6.	Humboldt Co Eureka Police Cal Fire Hum CHP Fortuna Polic Arcata Police Humboldt Sta	unty Sheriff Department boldt-Del Norte Un e Department Department		
7.	Humboldt Co Eureka Police Cal Fire Hum Fortuna Police Arcata Police Humboldt Sta	unty Sheriff Department boldt-Del Norte U Department Department		
8.		an operational area	a disaster communication system? Med Net Tx $467.950 \rightarrow 468.175$ Rx $462.950 \rightarrow 463.175$	⊠Yes □ No
	c. Can all me		Rx 146.310 Calcord Tx 156.075 Rx 156.075 Cell Phone ts communicate on the same disaster	⊠Yes □No

d. Do you participate in the Operational Area Satellite Information System (OASIS)?	⊠Yes □No
1) Within the operational area?	□Yes ⊠No
2) Between operation area and the region and/or state?	□Yes ⊠No

TABLE 4: SYSTEM RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS - Communications

Note	e: Table 4 is to be answered for each county.	
Cou	nty: Lake	
Repo	orting Year: 2022	
1.	Number of primary Public Service Answering Points (PSAP)	1
2.	Number of secondary PSAPs	1 (Just for City of Clearlake, PD)
3.	Number of dispatch centers directly dispatching ambulances	1
4.	Number of EMS dispatch agencies utilizing EMD guidelines	1
5.	Number of designated dispatch centers for EMS Aircraft	1
6.	Who is your primary dispatch agency for day-to-day emergencies? _Lake/Napa/Sonoma CALFIRE Communications Center	
7.	Who is your primary dispatch agency for a disaster? <u>Lake/Napa/Sonoma CALFIRE Communications Center</u>	
8.	Do you have an operational area disaster communication system? a. Radio primary frequency Med Net	⊠Yes □ No
	b. Other methods <u>Redundant Programmable Portable Repeaters, Ham</u> <u>Radios, Mobile Command Communications Vehicle.</u>	
	c. Can all medical response units communicate on the same disaster communications system?	⊠Yes □ No
	d. Do you participate in the Operational Area Satellite Information System (OASIS)?	⊠Yes □ No
	e. Do you have a plan to utilize the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) as a back-up communication system?	⊠Yes □ No
	1) Within the operational area?2) Between operation area and the region and/or state?	⊠Yes □ No ⊠Yes □ No

TABLE 5: SYSTEM RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS Response/Transportation

Reporting	Year:	2022	
1 0			

Note: Table 5 is to be reported by agency.

Early Defibrillation Providers

1. Number of EMT-Defibrillation providers 50

SYSTEM STANDARD RESPONSE TIMES (90TH PERCENTILE)

Enter the response times in the appropriate boxes:

	METRO/URBAN	SUBURBAN/ RURAL	WILDERNESS	SYSTEMWIDE
BLS and CPR capable first responder	Does not exceed 5 minutes	Does not exceed 15 minutes	As quickly as possible	5 minutes to as quickly as possible
Early defibrillation responder	Does not exceed 5 minutes	As quickly as possible	As quickly as possible	5 minutes to as quickly as possible
Advanced life support responder	Does not exceed 8 minutes	Does not exceed 20 minutes	As quickly as possible	8 minutes to as quickly as possible
Transport Ambulance	Does not exceed 8 minutes	Does not exceed 20 minutes	As quickly as possible	8 minutes to as quickly as possible

TABLE 6: SYSTEM RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS Facilities/Critical Care

NOTE: Table 6 is to be reported by agency.

Trauma

Reporting Year: 2022

Trauma patients: 1. Number of patients meeting trauma triage criteria	848
2. Number of major trauma victims transported directly to a trauma	
center by ambulance	848
3. Number of major trauma patients transferred	167
4. Number of patients meeting triage criteria who were not treated	
at a trauma center	NA
Emergency Departments	
Total number of emergency departments	7
1. Number of referral emergency services	0
2. Number of standby emergency services	2
3. Number of basic emergency services	5
4. Number of comprehensive emergency services	4
Receiving Hospitals	
1. Number of receiving hospitals with written agreements	7_
2. Number of base hospitals with written agreements	7_

Reporting Year: 2022

County: Del Norte
NOTE: Table 7 is to be answered for each county.
SYSTEM RESOURCES
1. Casualty Collections Points (CCP) a. Where are your CCPs located? See below b. How are they staffed? See below c. Do you have a supply system for supporting them for 72 hours? X Yes No Although it is desirable to pre-identify potential field treatment sites, the emergency itself will ultimately determine whether these pre-identified sites are most appropriate for the given circumstances. North Coast EMS will continue to work with the county to process guidelines for the identification of field treatment sites. These guidelines will highlight the desirability of choosing a site that: Ensures care provider safety. Is upwind, uphill, or remote from the incident. Is easily accessible to emergency vehicles and provide for a one-way traffic plan. Is near a clean water source. Is near a power source unless adequate independent power generation is available. Is large enough to accommodate the anticipated needs of the incident, including parking and responder support services. Ideally - allows for rotor wing aircraft access and staging. Ideally - is near restrooms. Ideally - is near restrooms. Ideally - is near existing medical facilities/personnel (e.g. a hospital). North Coast EMS has made preliminary inquiries into previously identified FTS in our three constituent counties, and will be working with local EMS response agencies, hospitals, and public health representatives to catalogue and share the locations of potential FTSs among
appropriate agencies.
2. CISD Do you have a CISD provider with 24 hour capability ✓ Yes ☐ No
 3. Medical Response Team a. Do you have any team medical response capability? ☐ Yes ☒ No

	b. For each team, are they incorporated into your local response plan?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
	c. Are they available for statewide response?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
	d. Are they part of a formal out-of-state response system?	□ Yes ⊠ No
4.	Hazardous Materials	
	a. Do you have any HazMat trained medical response team?	☐ Yes ☒ No
	b. At what HazMat level are they trained?	
	c. Do you have the ability to do decontamination in an emergency room?	ĭ Yes □ No
	d. Do you have the ability to do decontamination in the field?	ĭ Yes □ No
Οŀ	PERATIONS	
1.	Are you using a Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) that incorporates a form of Incident Command System (ICS) structure?	ĭ Yes □ No
2.	What is the maximum number of local jurisdictions EOCs you will need to interact with in a disaster?	2 cities
3.	Have you tested your MCI Plan this year in a:	
	a. real event?	ĭ Yes ☐ No
	b. exercise?	ĭ Yes ☐ No
4.	List all counties with which you have a written medical mutual aid	
	agreement. Del Norte and Humboldt Counties	
5.	Do you have formal agreements with hospitals in your operational ar	rea
	to participate in disaster planning and response?	X Yes No
	Good informal relationships	
6.	operational areas to participate in disaster planning and response?	X Yes No
7.	Good informal relationships Are you part of a multi-county EMS system for disaster response?	ĭ Yes ☐ No
8.	Are you a separate department or agency?	ĭ Yes □ No
9.	If not, to whom do you report?	

8.	If your agency is not in the Health Department, do you have a plan	
	to coordinate public health and environmental health issues with	
	the Health Department?	🗵 Yes 🗆 No

Re	port	ting Year: <u>2022</u>	
Co	unt	y: <u>Humboldt</u>	
NO)TE	E: Table 7 is to be answered for each county.	
SY	ST.	EM RESOURCES	
	a. b. c.	sualty Collections Points (CCP) Where are your CCPs located? <u>See Below</u> How are they staffed? <u>See Below</u> Do you have a supply system for supporting them for 72 hours? Igh it is desirable to pre-identify potential field treatment sites, the emerger	⊠ Yes □ No
ult cire the	ima cum ide	tely determine whether these pre-identified sites are most appropriate for the stances. North Coast EMS will continue to work with the county to proceed the stances. North Coast EMS will continue to work with the county to proceed the stances of field treatment sites. These guidelines will highlight the desiring a site that: Ensures care provider safety. Is upwind, uphill, or remote from the incident. Is easily accessible to emergency vehicles and provide for a one-way traff. Is near a clean water source.	ne given ss guidelines for ability of
	•	Is near a power source unless adequate independent power generation is a Is large enough to accommodate the anticipated needs of the incident, included and responder support services. Ideally - allows for rotor wing aircraft access and staging. Ideally - is accessible to wireless communications. Ideally - is near restrooms. Ideally - is near existing medical facilities/personnel (e.g. a hospital).	
cor pul	nstit blic	Coast EMS has made preliminary inquiries into previously identified FTS tuent counties, and will be working with local EMS response agencies, hos health representatives to catalogue and share the locations of potential FTS priate agencies.	pitals, and
2.	CIS	SD you have a CISD provider with 24 hour capability	⊠ Yes □ No
3.	Me	edical Response Team	
	a.	Do you have any team medical response capability?	□ Yes⊠No
	b.	For each team, are they incorporated into your local response plan?	□ Yes ⊠ No

	c.	Are they available for statewide response?	☐ Yes ☒ No
	d.	Are they part of a formal out-of-state response system?	□ Yes ⊠ No
4.	На	zardous Materials	
	a.	Do you have any HazMat trained medical response team?	ĭ Yes □ No
	b.	At what HazMat level are they trained? Specialist	
	c.	Do you have the ability to do decontamination in an emergency room?	ĭ Yes □ No
	d.	Do you have the ability to do decontamination in the field?	⊠ Yes □ No
OPI	ER	ATIONS	
		e you using a Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) t incorporates a form of Incident Command System (ICS) structure?	ĭ Yes □ No
		nat is the maximum number of local jurisdictions EOCs you will ed to interact with in a disaster?	
3.	Ha	ve you tested your MCI Plan this year in a:	
	a.	real event?	☐ Yes ☒ No☐ Yes ☒ No
	b.	exercise?	LIES LINO
4.		List all counties with which you have a written medical mutual aid	
		agreement. Del Norte and Humboldt Counties	
5.		Do you have formal agreements with hospitals in your operational area	
		to participate in disaster planning and response?	□ Yes ⊠ No
6.		Do you have a formal agreement with community clinics in your operational areas to participate in disaster planning and response?	□ Yes ⊠ No
7.		Are you part of a multi-county EMS system for disaster response?	ĭ Yes □ No
8.		Are you a separate department or agency?	ĭ Yes ☐ No
9.		If not, to whom do you report?	
8.		If your agency is not in the Health Department, do you have a plan to coordinate public health and environmental health issues with the Health Department?	⊠ Yes □ No

TABLE 7: SYSTEM RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS—Disaster Medical

Reporting Year: 2022

County: <u>Lake</u>			
NOTE: Table 7 is to be answered for each county.			
SYSTEM RESOURCES			
 Casualty Collections Points (CCP) a. Where are your CCPs located? <u>See Below</u> b. How are they staffed? <u>See Below</u> c. Do you have a supply system for supporting them for 72 hours? 	☑ Yes □ No		
Although it is desirable to pre-identify potential field treatment sites, the emergency itself will ultimately determine whether these pre-identified sites are most appropriate for the given circumstances. North Coast EMS will continue to work with the county to process guidelines for the identification of field treatment sites. These guidelines will highlight the desirability of choosing a site that: • Ensures care provider safety. • Is upwind, uphill, or remote from the incident. • Is easily accessible to emergency vehicles and provide for a one-way traffic plan. • Is near a clean water source. • Is near a power source unless adequate independent power generation is available. • Is large enough to accommodate the anticipated needs of the incident, including parking and responder support services. • Ideally - allows for rotor wing aircraft access and staging. • Ideally - is accessible to wireless communications. • Ideally - is near restrooms. • Ideally - is near existing medical facilities/personnel (e.g. a hospital).			
North Coast EMS has made preliminary inquiries into previously identified FTS in our the counties, and will be working with local EMS response agencies, hospitals, and public her representatives to catalogue and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and share the locations of potential FTSs among appropriate and	alth		
2. CISD Do you have a CISD provider with 24-hour capability	□ Yes ⊠ No		
Medical Response Team a. Do you have any team medical response capability?	⊠ Yes □ No		
b. For each team, are they incorporated into your local response plan?	⊠ Yes □ No		
c. Are they available for statewide response?	⊠ Yes □No		

TABLE 7: SYSTEM RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS—Disaster Medical

	d. Are they part of a formal out-of-state response system?	ĭ Yes ☐ No
4.	Hazardous Materials	
	a. Do you have any HazMat trained medical response team?	ĭ Yes □No
	b. At what HazMat level are they trained? Specialist	
	c. Do you have the ability to do decontamination in an emergency room?	ĭ Yes □ No
	d. Do you have the ability to do decontamination in the field?	ĭ Yes ☐ No
Οŀ	PERATIONS	
1.	Are you using a Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) that incorporates a form of Incident Command System (ICS) structure?	⊠ Yes □ No
2.	What is the maximum number of local jurisdictions EOCs you will need to interact with in a disaster? 3- Lakeport, Clearla	ıke, County Lake
3.	Have you tested your MCI Plan this year in a:	
	a. real event?	☐ Yes ☒ No ☒ Yes ☐ No
	b. exercise?	M res L No
4.	List all counties with which you have a written medical mutual aid agreement. Del Norte and Humboldt Counties	
5.	Do you have formal agreements with hospitals in your operational area	
	to participate in disaster planning and response?	ĭ Yes □ No
6.	Do you have a formal agreement with community clinics in your	
	operational areas to participate in disaster planning and response?	ĭ Yes ☐ No
7.	Are you part of a multi-county EMS system for disaster response?	☐ Yes ☒ No
8.	Are you a separate department or agency?	☐ Yes ☒ No
9.	If not, to whom do you report? <u>Lake County Health Services</u>	
8.	If your agency is not in the Health Department, do you have a plan to coordinate public health and environmental health issues with the Health Department?	ĭ Yes □ No

'able 8: Resource Directory leporting Year: 2022 Response/Transportation/Providers **Note:** Table 8 is to be completed for each provider by county. Make copies as needed. Del Norte **Provider:** Del Norte Ambulance, Inc. Del Norte County County: **Response Zone:** Post Office Box 306 **Number of Ambulance Vehicles in Fleet:** Address: 6 Crescent City, CA 95531 'hone **Average Number of Ambulances on Duty Jumber:** (707) 487-1116 At 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Any Given Day: Written Contract: **Medical Director: System Available 24 Hours: Level of Service:** Yes □ No Yes □ No **⋈** 9-1-1 **⊠** Ground ☐ Non-Transport ⊠ BLS ☐ 7-Digit ☐ Air ☐ 7-Digit □ CCT ☐ Water ☑ IFT Ownership: Air Classification: If Public: If Public: If Air: □ Public ☐ Fire ☐ City Auxiliary Rescue ☐ County Rotary State ☑ Private □ Law ☐ Fire District Fixed Wing Air Ambulance ☐ Other ☐ Federal **ALS Rescue** Explain: **BLS** Rescue **Transporting Agencies** Total number of responses 5144 Total number of transports 4057 Number of emergency responses 1994 3917 Number of emergency transports .50 Number of non-emergency responses Number of non-emergency transports 140 **Air Ambulance Services** Total number of responses Total number of transports 0 0 Number of emergency responses Number of emergency transports

Number of non-emergency transports

Number of non-emergency responses

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Reporting Year:	2022	Response/Transporta	tion/Providers		
	Note: Table 8 is to	be completed for each prov	ider by county. Make copies	as needed.	
County: Humboldt		Provider: Arcata-Mad	River Ambulance LLC	_ Response Zone:	_1
Address: 220 F Stree		Number of A	Ambulance Vehicles in Flee	et: 5	
?hone Vumber: (707) 822			mber of Ambulances on Du n. (noon) on Any Given Day	•	
Written Contract:	Medical Director:	System Available 24	Hours:	Level of Ser	rvice:
⊠ Yes □ No	⊠ Yes No	⊠ Yes □ N	o ⊠ Transport □ Non-Tran		9-1-1 ⊠ Ground 7-Digit □ Air □ CCT □ Water ⊠ IFT
Ownership:	If Public:	If Public:	If A	ir:	Air Classification:
☐ Public ☑ Private	☐ Fire ☐ Law ☐ Other Explain:	☐ City ☐ Coun ☐ State ☐ Fire I ☐ Federal		Wing	Auxiliary Rescue Air Ambulance ALS Rescue BLS Rescue
		Transporting A	Agencies		
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Number of en	r of responses mergency responses on-emergency responses	Air Ambulance	Total number of Number of eme	of transports ergency transports n-emergency transports	S

Fable 8: Resource Directory Reporting Year: 2022 Response/Transportation/Providers **Note:** Table 8 is to be completed for each provider by county. Make copies as needed. **Provider:** City Ambulance of Eureka Inc. County: Humboldt **Response Zone:** 3 & 4 **Address:** 135 W. 7th Street **Number of Ambulance Vehicles in Fleet:** 16 Eureka, CA 95501 **Average Number of Ambulances on Duty** Phone Number: At 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Any Given Day: (707) 445-4907 **Written Contract: Medical Director: System Available 24 Hours: Level of Service:** ✓ Yes □ No ✓ Yes □ No Yes □ No ĭ Transport ĭALS i 9-1-1 i Ground ☐ Non-Transport ☑ BLS ☑ 7-Digit □ Air ⊠7-Digit □ CCT □Water **⊠** IFT **Air Classification:** If Public: Ownership: If Public: If Air: □ City ☐ Auxiliary Rescue ☐ Public ☐ Fire County □ Rotary ☐ Fixed Wing ☐ Air Ambulance □ Private ☐ Law ☐ State ☐ Fire District ☐ Other ☐ Federal ☐ ALS Rescue Explain: □ BLS Rescue **Transporting Agencies** 15,909 Total number of responses Total number of transports 12,086 12,430 Number of emergency responses 8,902 Number of emergency transports Number of non-emergency responses 3,184 Number of non-emergency transports 3,479 **Air Ambulance Services** Total number of responses Total number of transports Number of emergency responses Number of emergency transports

Number of non-emergency transports

Number of non-emergency responses

Reporting Year: 2	022	Response	e/Transportation/Provid	ers					
Note: Table 8 is to be completed for each provider by county. Make copies as needed.									
County: Del Norte		Provider:	Del Norte Ambulance, l	nc. Response 2	Zone: Del Norte County				
Address: Post Office			Number of Ambulance	Vehicles in Fleet: 6					
Phone Number: (707) 487-	ity, CA 95531 1116		Average Number of An At 12:00 p.m. (noon) on						
Written Contract:	Medical Director:	System	Available 24 Hours:	Lev	rel of Service:				
Yes □ No No	⊠ Yes □ No	[⊠ Yes □ No	⊠ Transport ⊠ ALS □ Non-Transport ⊠ I	⊠ 9-1-1 ⊠ Ground BLS □ 7-Digit □ Air 7-Digit □ CCT □ Water ⊠ IFT				
Ownership:	If Public:	If	Public:	If Air:	Air Classification:				
☐ Public ☑ Private	☐ Fire ☐ Law ☐ Other Explain:	☐ City ☐ State ☐ Federa	☐ County ☐ Fire District	☐ Rotary ☐ Fixed Wing	 ☐ Auxiliary Rescue ☐ Air Ambulance ☐ ALS Rescue ☐ BLS Rescue 				
		<u>T</u>	ransporting Agencies						
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Γable 8: Resource Director	ory				
Reporting Year: 20	22				
		Response/	Transportation/Provide	rs	
	Note: <i>Table 8 is to b</i>	e completed fo	or each provider by count	y. Make copies as needed.	
County: Humboldt		_ Provider:	Humboldt Bay Fire Aut	thority Response Z	one:
Address: 533 C St			Number of Ambulance	Vehicles in Fleet: NA	X
Eureka, CA	A 95501				
Phone Number: (707) 441-	4000		Average Number of An At 12:00 p.m. (noon) or		A
Written Contract:	Medical Director:	System	Available 24 Hours:	Leve	el of Service:
⊠ Yes □ No	⊠ Yes □ No	C	☑ Yes □ No		⊠ 9-1-1 □ Ground LS□ 7-Digit □ Air 7-Digit □ CCT □ Water □ IFT
Ownership:	If Public:	If	Public:	If Air:	Air Classification:
⊠ Public □ Private	☐ Law ☐ Other Explain:	☐ City ☐ State ☐ Federa	☐ County ☑ Fire District	☐ Rotary ☐ Fixed Wing	☐ Auxiliary Rescue☐ Air Ambulance☐ ALS Rescue☐ BLS Rescue
		Tra	ansporting Agencies		
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able 8: Resource Directory eporting Year: 2022 Response/Transportation/Providers **Note:** Table 8 is to be completed for each provider by county. Make copies as needed. **Provider:** K'ima:w Ambulance **Response Zone:** ounty: Humboldt ddress: Post Office Box 1288 **Number of Ambulance Vehicles in Fleet:** Hoopa, CA 95546 **Average Number of Ambulances on Duty** 'hone 2 At 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Any Given Day: lumber: (530) 625-4261 **Written Contract: Medical Director: System Available 24 Hours: Level of Service:** Yes □ No Yes □ No ☑ Transport ☑ ALS **⋈** 9-1-1 **⊠** Ground ☐ Non-Transport ⊠ BLS□ 7-Digit □ Air ☐ 7-Digit ☐ CCT ☐ Water ☐ IFT If Public: Ownership: Air Classification: If Public: If Air: City ☐ Fire ☐ County Rotary Auxiliary Rescue State Fixed Wing ☐ Private ☐ Law ☐ Fire District Air Ambulance **⊠** Other ☐ Federal **ALS Rescue** Explain: Hoopa Valley □ BLS Rescue Tribe. **Transporting Agencies** ,207 Total number of responses Total number of transports 667 ,207 Number of emergency responses 195 Number of emergency transports Number of non-emergency responses Number of non-emergency transports 472 **Air Ambulance Services** Total number of responses Total number of transports Number of emergency responses Number of emergency transports

Number of non-emergency transports

Number of non-emergency responses

eporting Year:	2022	Response/Tr	ansportation/Provid	lers	
	Note: Table 8 is to	be completed for e	each provider by cou	nty. Make copies as needed.	
County: Lake		_ Provider: _La	ike County Fire Prote	ection District Response 2	Cone: 65/70 (1-2-3)
	empic Drive	Nu	mber of Ambulance	Vehicles in Fleet: 3	
'hone Iumber: (707) 994-	CA 95422 -2170		erage Number of Ar 12:00 p.m. (noon) o		ALS) & 0 (IFT)
Written Contract:	Medical Director:	System Ava	ilable 24 Hours:	Leve	el of Service:
⊠ Yes □ No	□ Yes ⊠No	⊠ Y	es 🗖 No	☑ Transport ☑ALS☑ 9 □ Non-Transport ☑ B	-1-1 ⊠ Ground ELS□ 7-Digit □ Air 7-Digit □ CCT □ Water ⊠ IFT
Ownership:	If Public:	<u>If Pub</u>	lic:	If Air:	Air Classification:
☑ Public □ Private	⊠ Fire □ Law □ Other Explain:		☐ County ☑ Fire District	☐ Rotary ☐ Fixed Wing	☐ Auxiliary Rescue ☐ Air Ambulance ☐ ALS Rescue ☐ BLS Rescue
		Trans	porting Agencies		
Total number of responses Number of emergency responses Number of non-emergency responses			3,266 2,755 185	Total number of transports Number of emergency transp Number of non-emergency tr	
		Air Amb	ulance Services N/A	<u>.</u>	
Number of er	of responses mergency responses on-emergency responses			Total number of transports Number of emergency transp Number of non-emergency tr	

Leporting Yea	r: <u>202</u>	22	Response/	Γransportation/Providers	s		
		Note: Table 8 is to be	completed fo	r each provider by county.	Make copies as needed.		
County: 1	Lake		Provider:	Lakeport Fire Dept.	Respons	e Zone:	Lakeport
Address:	445 Main S	Street		Number of Ambulance	Vehicles in Fleet:	4	
	Lakeport, 0	CA 95453			-		,
Phone Number: (707) 263-4396			Average Number of Ambulances on Duty At 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Any Given Day: 2				
Written (Contract:	Medical Director:	System	Available 24 Hours:	Ī	evel of S	Service:
⊠ Yes	□ No	□ Yes ⊠No	ı	⊠ Yes □ No	1		9-1-1 ⊠ Ground 7-Digit □ Air it □ CCT □ Water ⊠ IFT
Owne	ership:	If Public:	If	Public:	If Air:		Air Classification:
⊠ Pul □ Priv		☑ Fire☐ Law☐ OtherExplain:	☐ City ☐ State ☐ Federa	☐ County ☑ Fire District	☐ Rotary ☐ Fixed Wing		

Transporting Agencies

819	Total number of responses	1105	Total number of transports
811	Number of emergency responses	1097	Number of emergency transports
	Number of non-emergency responses	8	Number of non-emergency transports
		Air Ambulance Services	
	Total number of responses		Total number of transports
	Number of emergency responses		Number of emergency transports
			Number of non-emergency transports

eporting Year:	2022	Respons	e/Transportation/Provid	lers	
	Note: Table 8 is to	be completed	for each provider by cou	nty. Make copies as needed.	
County: Lake		_ Provider:	South Lake County Fire	Response Z	Zone: South Lake Fire District
Middleto	ce Box 1360 wn, CA 95461		Number of Ambulance		
'hone Tumber: (707) 987	7-3089		Average Number of An At 12:00 p.m. (noon) of		
Written Contract:	Medical Director:	System	Available 24 Hours:	Leve	el of Service:
ĭ Yes □ No	□ Yes ⊠ No	G	☑ Yes □ No	1	⊠ 9-1-1 ⊠Ground BLS □ 7-Digit □ Air 7-Digit □ CCT □ Water ⊠ IFT
Ownership:	If Public:	If	Public:	If Air:	Air Classification:
☑ Public ☐ Private	☑ Fire □ Law □ Other Explain:	☐ City ☐ State ☐ Federa	☐ County ☑ Fire District	☐ Rotary ☐ Fixed Wing	 ☐ Auxiliary Rescue ☐ Air Ambulance ☐ ALS Rescue ☐ BLS Rescue
		<u>T</u>	ransporting Agencies		
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		<u>Ai</u>	r Ambulance Services		
Number of e	er of responses emergency responses non-emergency responses			Total number of transports Number of emergency transports Number of non-emergency transports	

eporting Year:	2022					
		Respons	e/Transportation/Provi	iders		
	Note: Table 8 is to	be completed	for each provider by coi	unty. Make copies as need	led.	
ounty: Lake			_Kelseyville Fire Dept.		onse Zone:	Kelseyville Fire District
ddress: 4020 Mai	n Street		Number of Ambulanc	e Vehicles in Fleet:	4	
Kelseyvill	le, CA 95451					
none umber: (707) 279	-4268		Average Number of A At 12:00 p.m. (noon) o	mbulances on Duty on Any Given Day:	1-4	
Written Contract:	Medical Director:	System	Available 24 Hours:		Level of Se	rvice:
⊠ Yes □ No	⊠ Yes □ No	Ω	Yes □ No	□ Transport □ □ Non-Transport		9-1-1 ⊠ Ground 7-Digit □ Air □ CCT □ Water ⊠ IFT
Ownership:	If Public:	If	Public:	If Air:		Air Classification:
☑ Public □ Private	☑ Fire □ Law □ Other Explain:	☐ City☐ State☐ Federal	☐ County ☑ Fire District	☐ Rotary ☐ Fixed Wing	0000	Auxiliary Rescue Air Ambulance ALS Rescue BLS Rescue
		Tr	ansporting Agencies			
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		Air	Ambulance Services		noy transports	, (11 1)
	of responses nergency responses n-emergency responses			Total number of transport Number of emergency to Number of non-emergence	ransports	

teporting Year:	2022	Respons	e/Transportation/Provid	ers		
	Note: Table 8 is to	o be completed	for each provider by cour	nty. Make copies as neede	d.	
County: Lake		Provider:	Northshore Fire Protect	ion District Respon	nse Zone:	Northshore Fire District
And the second s	ce Box 1199		Number of Ambulance	Vehicles in Fleet:	5	
'hone Jumber: (707) 274	CA 95458 4-3100		Average Number of Ar At 12:00 p.m. (noon) or		3	
Written Contract:	Medical Director:	System	Available 24 Hours:		Level of Se	rvice:
⊠ Yes □ No	□ Yes ⊠No	C	ĭ Yes □ No	□ Non-Transport □ BLS□ 7-Digit □ Air		7-Digit □ Air t □ CCT □ Water
Ownership:	If Public:	If	Public:	If Air:		Air Classification:
☑ Public □ Private	☑ Fire ☐ Law ☐ Other Explain:	☐ City ☐ State ☐ Federa	☐ County ☑ Fire District	☐ Rotary ☐ Fixed Wing		Auxiliary Rescue Air Ambulance ALS Rescue BLS Rescue
		<u>T</u>	ransporting Agencies			
Number of e	er of responses emergency responses non-emergency responses		1,735 1735 0	Total number of transpo Number of emergency to Number of non-emerger	ansports	ts
		<u>Ai</u>	r Ambulance Services			
Number of e	er of responses emergency responses non-emergency responses			Total number of transpo Number of emergency to Number of non-emerger	ransports	ts

Leporting Year:	2022					
		Respons	e/Transportation/Provid	lers		
	Note: Table 8 is to	o be completed	for each provider by cou	nty. Make copies as nee	eded.	
County: Region		Provider:	REACH Medical Hold	ings Res	sponse Zone:	Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake
ddress: 4615 High	hland Springs Road		Number of Ambulance	e Vehicles in Fleet:	Humboldt	Lake County; 1 fixed wing t County; 1 fixed wing and 1 Del Norte County
Lakeport,	CA 95453					
'hone Tumber: (800) 338	-4045		Average Number of At At 12:00 p.m. (noon) o		1-2 within	n the region.
Written Contract:	Medical Director:	System	Available 24 Hours:		Level of Se	rvice:
⊠ Yes □ No	⊠ Yes □ No		⊠ Yes □ No	☑ Transport ☑A☑ Non-Transport		⊠ Ground 7-Digit ⊠ Air : X□ CCT □ Water ⊠ IFT
Ownership:	If Public:		Public:	If Air:		Air Classification:
□ Public ⊠ Private	☐ Fire ☐ Law ☐ Other Explain:	☐ City ☐ State ☐ Federa	☐ County ☐ Fire District	☑ Rotary ☐ Fixed Wing	; \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\	ALS Rescue
	<u> </u>	<u>T</u>	ransporting Agencies		**************************************	
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		<u>A</u> i	r Ambulance Services			
Number of e	r of responses mergency responses		$\frac{1017}{170}$	Total number of tran Number of emergence Number of non-emer	y transports	S

County: <u>Del Norte</u>				
Note: Complete information	for each facility by county. Make copies as no	eeded.		
Address: Sutter Coast F 800 E. Washin Cresent City,	ngton	Telephone Number: (707)	464-8888	
Written Contract:	Service:		Base Hospital:	Burn Center:
✓ Yes No		y Emergency Comprehensive Emergency	ĭ Yes □ No	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Pediatric Critical Care C EDAP ² PICU ³	Center¹ □ Yes ☒ No ☒ Yes □ No □ Yes ☒ No	Trauma Center: ☑ Yes □ No	If Trauma Cente ☐ Level I ☐ Level III	r what level: □ Level II ☑ Level IV
STEMI Center: ☐ Yes ☑ No	Stroke Center: ☐ Yes ☒ No			

Facilities

Meets EMSA Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC) Standards
 Meets EMSA Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Standards
 Meets California Children Services (CCS) Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Standards

		<u>Facilities</u>		
County: Humboldt				
	or each facility by county. Make copies as no	eeded.		
'acility: Jerold Phelps Ho Address: 733 Cedar Street Garberville, CA		Telephone Number: <u>(707)</u>	923-3921	
Written Contract:	<u>Service:</u>		Base Hospital:	Burn Center:
Yes □ No		Standby Emergency Comprehensive Emergency		
Pediatric Critical Care Ce	$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}}$	Trauma Center:	If Trauma Cente	r what level:
PICU ³		□ Yes ⊠ No	☐ Level I ☐ Level III ☑ Level 0	☐ Level II ☐ Level IV
STEMI Center:	Stroke Center:			
☐ Yes ⊠ No	☐ Yes ☒ No			

Meets EMSA Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC) Standards
Meets EMSA Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Standards

Meets California Children Services (CCS) Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Standards

Table 9: Resources Direction	ctory			
		Facilities		
County: Humboldt	·			
Note: Complete information	for each facility by county. Make copie	s as needed.		
Mad River Co Address: P.O. Box 1113 Arcata, CA 95		Telephone Number: (707)	822-3621	
Written Contract:	<u>Ser</u>	vice:	Base Hospital:	Burn Center:
ĭ Yes □ No	□ Referral Emergency□ St☑ Basic Emergency	andby Emergency Comprehensive Emergency	ĭ Yes □ No	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Pediatric Critical Care C EDAP ²	Center¹ ☐ Yes ☒ No ☒ Yes ☐ No	<u>Trauma Center:</u>	<u>If Trauma Cente</u>	er what level:
PICU ³	☐ Yes ⊠ No	⊠ Yes □ No	☐ Level I ☐ Level III ☐ Level 0	☐ Level II ☑ Level IV
STEMI Center:	Stroke Center:			
☐ Yes ⊠ No	☐ Yes ☒ 1	No		

Meets EMSA Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC) Standards

² Meets EMSA Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Standards

Meets California Children Services (CCS) Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Standards

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Facilities

ounty:	Humboldt	
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Note: Complete information for each facility by county. Make copies as needed.

'acility: Redwood Memorial Hospital \ddress:

3300 Renner Drive

Fortuna, CA 95540

Written Contract:		Service:	Base Hospital:	Burn Center:
X Yes O No	O Referral Emergency X Basic Emergency	O Standby Emergency O Comprehensive Emergency	X Yes O No	O Yes X No

Telephone Number:

(707) 725-7382

Pediatric Critical Care Center ¹ EDAP ²	O Yes X No X Yes O No	<u>Trauma Center:</u>	<u>If Trauma Cent</u>	ter what level:
PICU ³	O Yes X No	O Yes X No	O Level I O Level III X Level 0	O Level II O Level IV

STEMI Center:	Stroke Center:
O Yes X No	O Yes X No

Meets EMSA Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC) Standards

Meets EMSA Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Standards
Meets California Children Services (CCS) Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Standards

				Facilities		
County:	Humboldt					
lote: Con	nplete information	for each	facility by county. Make copies as	needed.		
'acility: Address:	St. Joseph Ho 2700 Dolbeer Eureka, CA 9	Street		Telephone Number: (707)	445-8121	
	n Contract:			: by Emergency rehensive Emergency	Base Hospital:	Burn Center: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Pediatric Critical Care Center ¹ EDAP ² PICU ³		☐ Yes ☒ No ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☒ No	Trauma Center: ☑ Yes □ No	If Trauma Cente □ Level I ⊠ Level III □ Level 0	r what level: Level II Level IV	
	TEMI Center: X Yes □No		Stroke Center: Yes No			

Meets EMSA Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC) Standards

Meets EMSA Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Standards
Meets California Children Services (CCS) Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Standards

				<u>Facilities</u>		
County: _	Lake					
lote: Com	nplete information	for each	facility by county. Make copies as no	eeded.		
acility:	Adventist Hea		Lake	Telephone Number: (707)	994-6486	
Address:	Post Office Bo Clearlake, Ca					
	Cicariake, Ca	93422				
Written Contract: Serv		Service:		Base Hospital:	Burn Center:	
			y Emergency ehensive Emergency	⊠ Yes □ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	
Pediatric EDAP ²	Critical Care C	enter ¹	□ Yes ⊠ No ⊠ Yes □ No	Trauma Center:	If Trauma Cente	r what level:
•		☐ Yes ⊠ No	□ Yes ⊠ No	☐ Level I ☐ Level III ☑ Level 0	☐ Level II ☐ Level IV	
	TEMI Contour		Stucks Contour			
<u>S</u>	TEMI Center:		Stroke Center:			
	Yes ⊠ No		☐ Yes ⊠ No			

Meets EMSA Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC) Standards

Meets EMSA Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Standards
Meets California Children Services (CCS) Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Standards

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Facilities

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lote: Com	ote: Complete information for each facility by county. Make copies as needed.						
'acility: Address:	Sutter Lakeside Hospital 5176 Hill Road East Lakeport, Ca 95451	Telephone Number:	(707) 262-5008				

Written Contract:	Service:	Base Hospital:	Burn Center:
X Yes O No	O Standby EmergencyO Comprehensive Emergency	X Yes O No	O Yes X No

'ediatric Critical Care Center ¹	O Yes X No	Trauma Center:	<u>If Trauma Cen</u>	ter what level:	
EDAP ² PICU ³	X Yes O No O Yes X No	X Yes O No	O Level I O Level III O Level 0	O Level II X Level IV	

STEMI Center:	Stroke Center:
○ Yes X No	○ Yes X No

Meets EMSA *Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC) Standards*Meets EMSA Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) Standards
Meets California Children Services (CCS) Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Standards

TABLE 10: RESOURCES DIRECTORY -- Approved Training Programs

County:	Del Norte	Reporting Year:	2022
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NOTE: Table 10 is to be completed by county. Make copies to add pages as needed.

Training Institution Name/Address

Del Norte Fire Consertium		C:- 1 II 1
Del Norte Fire Consortium		Cindy Henderson
520 I Street		(707) 487-1116
Crescent City, CA 95531		
Student Eligibility:*	Cost of Program	**Program Level: EMT-I
		Number of students completing training per year:
Open to general public	Basic <u>\$ 700</u>	Initial training: 30
		Refresher: 15
	Refresher \$_\$ 40	Cont. Education: Yes
		Expiration Date: 7-31-26
		Number of courses: 2
		Initial training: 1
		Refresher: 1
		Cont. Education: Yes
		Cont. Education. 1 es

^{*} Open to general public or restricted to certain personnel only.

** Indicate whether EMT-I, EMT-I, EMT-P, or MICN; if there is a training program that offers more than one level complete all information for each level.

TABLE 10: RESOURCES DIRECTORY -- Approved Training Programs

County: Humboldt	Reporting Y	Reporting Year: 2022			
IOTE : Table 10 is to be completed by craining Institution Name/Address	county. Make copies to add pages as needed.				
College of the Redwoods 7351 Tompkins Hill Road Eureka, CA 95501-9300		Virginia Plambeck (707) 476-4236; (707) 476-4214			
Student Eligibility:*	Cost of Program	**Program Level: EMT-I			
Open to CR students	Tuition + fees, plus books,	Number of students completing training per year:			
	Basic <u>uniform and immunization</u> .	Initial training: 65 Refresher: 20			
	Refresher \$125	Cont. Education: Yes Expiration Date: 7-31-26			
		Number of courses: Fall & Spring (semesters) Initial training: 2			

Refresher: 1 Cont. Education: Yes

^{*} Open to general public or restricted to certain personnel only.

** Indicate whether EMT-I, EMT-II, EMT-P, or MICN; if there is a training program that offers more than one level complete all information for each level.

TABLE 10: RESOURCES DIRECTORY -- Approved Training Programs

Training Institution Name/Address

Training institution Name/Address		
North Coast Paramedic Program		Doug Boileau
College of the Redwoods		(707) 822-3353
7351 Tompkins hill Road		David Bazard
Eureka, Ca. 95501		(707) 476-4211
Student Eligibility:*	Cost of Program	**Program Level: EMT-P
		Number of students completing training per year:
Must be currently certified EMT-I	Basic <u>Tuition, fees, books, uniform</u>	Initial training: 15
	and immunizations	Refresher:
		Cont. Education: YES
	Refresher <u>N/A</u>	Expiration Date: 2/28/27
		Number of courses: 1
		Initial training: 1
		Refresher:
		Cont. Education: yes

^{*} Open to general public or restricted to certain personnel only.

** Indicate whether EMT-I, EMT-II, EMT-P, or MICN; if there is a training program that offers more than one level complete all information for each level.

TABLE 10: RESOURCES DIRECTORY -- Approved Training Programs

County: <u>Lake</u>	Reporting Year: 2022		
NOTE: Table 10 is to be completed by	y county. Make copies to add pages as neede	ed.	
Training Institution Name/Address			
Lake County Fire 14805 Olympic Dr.		Marc Hill (707) 994-2170	
Clearlake, CA 95422			
Student Eligibility:*	Cost of Program	**Program Level:EMT-I	
		Number of students completing training per year:	
Open to general public	Basic <u>\$140</u>	Initial training: 20	
		Refresher: 10	
	Refresher\$0	Cont. Education: Yes	
		Expiration Date: 7/31/26	
		Number of courses: 2	
		Initial training: 1	
		Refresher: 1	
		Cont. Education: Yes	
Training Institution Name/Address		s more than one level complete all information for each level.	
Mendocino Community College		Theresa Gowan	
P.O. Box 3000		707-467-1048	
Ukiah, CA 95482			
Student Eligibility:*	Cost of Program	**Program Level: <u>EMT-I</u>	
		Number of students completing training per year:	
Open to general public	Basic <u>\$130</u>	Initial training: 15	
		Refresher: 20	
	Refresher <u>\$100</u>	Cont. Education: Yes	
-		Expiration Date: 7/31/26	
		Number of courses: 3	
		Initial training: 2	
		Refresher: 1	
	•	Cont. Education: Yes	
* Open to general public or restricted to cert	ain personnel only.		

** Indicate whether EMT-I, EMT-II, EMT-P, or MICN; if there is a training program that offers more than one level complete all information for each level.

ΓABLE 11: RESOURCES DIRECTORY -- Dispatch Agency

ounty: Del Norte	Repor	ting Year: <u>2022</u>	
OTE: Make copies to ad	ld pages as needed. Com	plete information for ea	ch provider by county.
ame:	Del Norte County S	Sheriff Office	Primary Contact:
ddress:	650 5th St		·
	Crescent City, CA		
elephone Number:	(707) 464-4191		
ritten Contract:	Medical Director:	⊠Day-to-Day	Number of Personnel Providing Services:
l Yes ⊠ No	□ Yes ⊠ No	⊠Disaster	0_ EMD Training0_ EMT-D0_ ALS
			0 BLS LALS5 Other:
wnership:		If Public:	
Public □ Private			If Public: ☐ City ☒ County ☐ State ☐ Fire District ☐ Federal
		⊠ Law	
		□ Other	
		Explain:	

ABLE 11: RESOURCES DIRECTORY – Dispatch Agency ith dispatch units. City Ambulance dispatches EMS.

Question was raised as to whether this table was to reflect only PSAPs or all Agencies

ounty: Humboldt Reporting Year: 2022

OTE: Make copies to add pages as needed. Complete information for each provider by county.

	Humboldt County	Sheriff	
ame:			Primary Contact: Morgan Schlesiger
ddress:	826 4th Street		
	Eureka, CA 9550	01	
	707-445-7251		
elephone Number:	707-445-7251		
ritten Contract:	Medical Director:	☑ Day-to-Day	Number of Personnel Providing Services:
Yes 🗵 No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☑ Disaster	EMD Training EMT-D ALS
105 🖭 140		E Disaster	BLS LALS 9 Other
wnership:		If Public:	DES
l Public □ Private		Fire	If Public: ☐ City ☒ County ☐ State ☐ Fire District ☐ Federal
1 Tuone — Tittute		☐ Law	11 Tubile. In City In County In State In The District In Tederal
		☐ Other	
		Explain:	\cdot
	Eureka Police De	partment	
ame:			Primary Contact: Brittany Wilson
ddress:	604 C Street		
	Eureka CA, 9550	1	
elephone Number:	707-441-4060		
ritten Contract:	Medical Director:	□ Day-to-Day	Number of Personnel Providing Services:
] Yes □ No	🗵 Yes 🗆 No	□ Disaster	11 EMD Training EMT-D ALS
			BLS LALS Other
wnership:		If Public:	
☐ Public ☐ Private			If Public: ⊠ City □ County □ State □ Fire District □ Federal
		∠ Law	
		Other	
		Explain:	

Vame:	Fortuna Police De	epartment	Primary Contact: Sgt. Jason Kadle
Address:	621 11 th Street		
	Fortuna, CA 9554	10	
Telephone Number:	707-725-7550		
Written Contract:	Medical Director:	☑ Day-to-Day	Number of Personnel Providing Services:
☐ Yes 区 No	□ Yes 🗵 No	□ Disaster	EMD Training EMT-D ALS
			BLSLALS5_ Other
Ownership:		If Public:	
☑ Public ☐ Private			If Public: ☒ City ☐ County ☐ State ☐ Fire District ☐ Federal
		∠ Law	
		Other	
		Explain:	
Name:	Arcata Police De	partment	Primary Contact: Kara McKenzie
Address:	736 F Street		
	Arcata, CA 9552	1	
Геlephone Number:	707-822-2428		
Written Contract:	Medical Director:	☑ Day-to-Day	Number of Personnel Providing Services:
☐ Yes ☒ No	□ Yes ⊠ No	□ Disaster	EMD Training EMT-D ALS
			BLS LALS 5_ Other
Ownership:		If Public:	
☑ Public ☐ Private		Fire	If Public: ⊠ City □ County □State □ Fire District □ Federal
		⊠ Law	
		☐ Other	
		Explain:	

Jame:	Humboldt State U	niversity Police (Cal Poly	Humboldt)	Primary Contact:	Jen Gomes
Address:	1 Harpst Street				
	Arcata, CA 95521				
Telephone Number:	707-826-5555				
Vritten Contract:	Medical Director:	☑ Day-to-Day	Number of Person	nnel Providing Serv	ices:
∃ Yes ⊠ No	□ Yes ⊠ No	□ Disaster	EMD Trainir	ngEMT	Γ-DALS
			BLS	LALS	5 Other
Ownership:		If Public:		promotes and an artist and an artist and an artist and artist artist and artist and artist	
☑ Public ☐ Private		Fire	If Public: Cit	y □ County 🗵	State ☐ Fire District ☐ Federal
		☐ Fire ☑ Law			
		☐ Other			
		Explain:			

'ABLE 11: RESOURCES DIRECTORY -- Dispatch Agency

County: Lake Reporting Year: 2022

IOTE: Make copies to add pages as needed. Complete information for each provider by county.

lame: ddress: 'elephone Number:	LNU CALFIRE Cor 1199 Big Tree Rd St. Helena, CA 945' (707) 967-1400		Primary Contact:	Brian York —
Vritten Contract:	Medical Director:	☑ Day-to-Day	Number of 1	Personnel Providing Services:
☑ Yes ☐ No	Yes □ No	☑ Day-to-Day ☑ Disaster		Training EMT-D ALS
)wnership: ☑ Public □ Private		ublic: Fire Law Other blain:	If Public: E Federal	☐ City ☐ County ☑ State ☐ Fire District ☐
Jame:	Lake County She	riff Office	Primar	ry Contact:
\ddress:	1200 Martin Stre	et		
	Lakeport, CA			
Telephone Number:	(707) 263-2690			
Vritten Contract: ☐ Yes ☒ No	Medical Director: ☐ Yes ☒ No	☑ Day-to-Day ☑ Disaster	Number of Personnel P EMD Training BLS	
Ownership: ☑ Public □ Private		If Public: ☐ Fire ☑ Law ☐ Other Explain:	If Public: □ City ⊠	County □ State □ Fire District □ Federal

In order to evaluate the nature of each area or subarea, the following information should be compiled for each zone individually. Please include a separate form for each exclusive and/or nonexclusive ambulance zone.

Local EMS Agency or County Name: North Coast Emergency Medical Services

Area or subarea (Zone) Name or Title:

Del Norte County

Name of Current Provider(s):

Include company name(s) and length of operation (uninterrupted) in specified area or subarea. Del Norte Ambulance, uninterrupted service starting in the mid 70's with no decrease in service or changes to zone.

Area or subarea (Zone) Geographic Description:

Del Norte County (entire county)

Statement of Exclusivity, Exclusive or non-Exclusive (HS 1797.6):

Include intent of local EMS agency and Board action.

Non-Exclusive

Type of Exclusivity, "Emergency Ambulance", "ALS", or "LALS" (HS 1797.85):

Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (i.e., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.).

Method to achieve Exclusivity, if applicable (HS 1797.224):

If grandfathered, pertinent facts concerning changes in scope and manner of service. Description of current provider including brief statement of uninterrupted service with no changes to scope and manner of service to zone. Include chronology of all services entering or leaving zone, name or ownership changes, service level changes, zone area modifications, or other changes to arrangements for service.

If competitively-determined, method of competition, intervals, and selection process. Attach copy/draft of last competitive process used to select provider or providers.

In order to evaluate the nature of each area or subarea, the following information should be compiled for each zone individually. Please include a separate form for each exclusive and/or nonexclusive ambulance zone.

Local EMS Agency or County Name:

North Coast EMS

Area or subarea (Zone) Name or Title:

Del Norte, Humboldt and Lake Counties

Name Of Current Provider(S):

Include Company Name(S) And Length Of Operation (Uninterrupted) In Specified Area Or Subarea.

REACH Medical Holdings, LLC ((dba, REACH Air Medical, CalStar and Cal-Ore Life Flight)

Area or subarea (Zone) Geographic Description:

In Del Norte County, Cal-Ore provides ground 9-1-1 mutual aid ambulance, ALS/CCT ground IFT's (to Oregon and other out of County destinations), fixed & rotary wing IFT transfers and rotary wing scene calls. The REACH Medical Holdings companies also provide fixed/rotary wing IFT transfers services in Humboldt County and Lake Counties, along with rotary wing scene calls in the two counties.

Statement of Exclusivity, Exclusive or non-Exclusive (HS 1797.6):

Include intent of local EMS agency and Board action.

Non-Exclusive

Type of Exclusivity, Emergency Ambulance, ALS, or LALS (HS 1797.85):

Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (i.e., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.).

Method to achieve Exclusivity, if applicable (HS 1797.224):

If <u>grandfathered</u>, pertinent facts concerning changes in scope and manner of service. Description of current provider including brief statement of uninterrupted service with no changes to scope and manner of service to zone. Include chronology of all services entering or leaving zone, name or ownership changes, service level changes, zone area modifications, or other changes to arrangements for service.

If <u>competitively -determined</u>, method of competition, intervals, and selection process. Attach copy/draft of last competitive process used to select provider or providers.

In order to evaluate the nature of each area or subarea, the following information should be compiled for each zone individually. Please include a separate form for each exclusive and/or nonexclusive ambulance zone.

Local EMS Agency or County Name:

North Coast EMS

Area or subarea (Zone) Name or Title:

Humboldt County— Zone 1 North

Name Of Current Provider(S):

Include Company Name(S) And Length Of Operation (Uninterrupted) In Specified Area Or Subarea.

REACH Medical Holdings, LLC (Arcata-Mad River Ambulance Service) (provider since at least 1962)

Area or subarea (Zone) Geographic Description:

Humboldt County—see map

Statement of Exclusivity, Exclusive or non-Exclusive (HS 1797.6):

Include intent of local EMS agency and Board action.

Exclusive

Type of Exclusivity, Emergency Ambulance, ALS, or LALS (HS 1797.85):

Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (i.e., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.).

Emergency Ambulance Service, 9-1-1, 7-digit, BLS non-emergency and Standby Service

Method to achieve Exclusivity, if applicable (HS 1797.224):

If <u>grandfathered</u>, pertinent facts concerning changes in scope and manner of service. Description of current provider including brief statement of uninterrupted service with no changes to scope and manner of service to zone. Include chronology of all services entering or leaving zone, name or ownership changes, service level changes, zone area modifications, or other changes to arrangements for service.

If <u>competitively -determined</u>, method of competition, intervals, and selection process. Attach copy/draft of last competitive process used to select provider or providers.

The existing ambulance service in this zone will be granted exclusive operating rights under 1797.224.

REACH Medical Holdings, LLC (formerly Arcata-Mad River Ambulance) has provided ambulance service in Humboldt County— Zone 1 North in the same scope and manner since the June 1, 1981 under 1797.224, H&SC. There have been no other ambulance services operating within this area.

Arcata-Mad River Ambulance Service was sold in 1983 and was sold again in 2017 to REACH Medical Holdings, LLC. The sale included the physical assets and the name under which the prior owner conducted the business such that the service continued without interruption.

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Local EMS Agency or County Name:

North Coast EMS

Area or Subarea (Zone) Name or Title: Humboldt County -Zone 3

Name of Current Provider(s):

City Ambulance of Eureka Inc. (exclusive provider since approximately 1964)

Area or Subarea (Zone) Geographic Description:

Humboldt County

Statement of Exclusivity (Exclusive or Non-Exclusive [HS 1797.6]):

Include intent of local EMS agency and board action.

Exclusive

Type of Exclusivity ("Emergency Ambulance," "ALS," or "LALS" [HS 1797.85]):

Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (e.g., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.).

Emergency Ambulance Service, 9-1-1, 7-digit, BLS non-emergency and Standby Service

Method to achieve exclusivity, if applicable (HS 1797.224):

If grandfathered, pertinent facts concerning changes in scope and manner of service. Description of current provider including brief statement of uninterrupted service with no changes to scope and manner of service to zone. Include chronology of all services entering or leaving zone, name or ownership changes, service level changes, zone area modifications, or other changes to arrangements for service.

If competitively determined, method of competition, intervals, and selection process. Attach copy/draft of last competitive process used to select provider or providers.

City Ambulance of Eureka, Inc. has provided ambulance service in Humboldt County – Zone 3 in the same scope and manner since the June 1, 1981 under 1797.224, H&SC. There have been no other ambulance services operating within this area.

City ambulance of Eureka, Inc, was incorporated in 1975. While there have been changes in stock ownership of the corporation, the entity has continued to provide service continued without interruption.

In order to evaluate the nature of each area or subarea, the following information should be compiled for each zone individually. Please include a separate form for each exclusive and/or nonexclusive ambulance zone.

Local EMS Agency or County Name:

North Coast Emergency Medical Services

Area or subarea (Zone) Name or Title:

Humboldt County, Zone 2, East

Name of Current Provider(s):

Include company name(s) and length of operation (uninterrupted) in specified area or subarea.

K'ima:w Medical Center Rescue Ambulance, 29 years of operation

Area or subarea (Zone) Geographic Description:

Eastern Humboldt County, Zone 2

Extends from the North Humboldt County Line to the South at Redwood Creek Bridge Hwy. 299. East on Humboldt County Line. West to School House Peak on Bald Hills Road.

Statement of Exclusivity, Exclusive or non-Exclusive (HS 1797.6):

Include intent of local EMS agency and Board action.

Non-Exclusive

Type of Exclusivity, "Emergency Ambulance", "ALS", or "LALS" (HS 1797.85): Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (i.e., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.).

Method to achieve Exclusivity, if applicable (HS 1797.224):

If grandfathered, pertinent facts concerning changes in scope and manner of service. Description of current provider including brief statement of uninterrupted service with no changes to scope and manner of service to zone. Include chronology of all services entering or leaving zone, name or ownership changes, service level changes, zone area modifications, or other changes to arrangements for service.

If competitively-determined, method of competition, intervals, and selection process. Attach copy/draft of last competitive process used to select provider or providers.

In order to evaluate the nature of each area or subarea, the following information should be compiled for each zone individually. <u>Please include a separate form for each exclusive and/or nonexclusive ambulance</u> zone.

Local EMS Agency or County Name:

North Coast EMS

Area or subarea (Zone) Name or Title:

Humboldt County, Zones 4, Fortuna/Garberville

Name of Current Provider(s):

Include company name(s) and length of operation (uninterrupted) in specified area or subarea.

City Ambulance of Eureka, Inc., 34 years of operation

Area or subarea (Zone) Geographic Description:

Zone 4 begins North at Hookton Road and Hwy. 101. South to Dyerville Bridge and Hwy. 101 and Alderpoint Blocksburg Road 7 miles south of SR 36. East Showers Pass Humboldt County Line. West to the Pacific Ocean.

Statement of Exclusivity, Exclusive or non-Exclusive (HS 1797.6):

Include intent of local EMS agency and Board action.

Type of Exclusivity, "Emergency Ambulance", "ALS", or "LALS" (HS 1797.85):

Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (i.e., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.).

Non-Exclusive

Method to achieve Exclusivity, if applicable (HS 1797.224):

If grandfathered, pertinent facts concerning changes in scope and manner of service. Description of current provider including brief statement of uninterrupted service with no changes to scope and manner of service to zone. Include chronology of all services entering or leaving zone, name or ownership changes, service level changes, zone area modifications, or other changes to arrangements for service.

If competitively-determined, method of competition, intervals, and selection process. Attach copy/draft of last competitive process used to select provider or providers.

In order to evaluate the nature of each area or subarea, the following information should be compiled for each zone individually. <u>Please include a separate form for each exclusive and/or nonexclusive ambulance zone.</u>

Local EMS Agency or County Name: North Coast EMS- Lake County
Area or subarea (Zone) Name or Title:
Kelseyville Fire District
Name of Current Provider(s):
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Include company name(s) and length of operation (uninterrupted) in specified area or subarea.
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Area or subarea (Zone) Geographic Description:
Kelseyville Fire District
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Statement of Exclusivity, Exclusive or non-Exclusive (HS 1797.6):
Include intent of local EMS agency and Board action.
Non-Exclusive
Type of Exclusivity, "Emergency Ambulance", "ALS", or "LALS" (HS 1797.85): Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (i.e., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.).
Method to achieve Exclusivity, if applicable (HS 1797.224):
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If grandfathered, pertinent facts concerning changes in scope and manner of service. Description of current provider
including brief statement of uninterrupted service with no changes to scope and manner of service to zone. Include
chronology of all services entering or leaving zone, name or ownership changes, service level changes, zone area
modifications, or other changes to arrangements for service.
If competitively-determined, method of competition, intervals, and selection process. Attach copy/draft of last
competitive process used to select provider or providers.

In order to evaluate the nature of each area or subarea, the following information should be compiled for each zone individually. <u>Please include a separate form for each exclusive and/or nonexclusive ambulance zone.</u>

Local EMS Agency or County Name:

North Coast EMS- Lake County

Area or subarea (Zone) Name or Title:

Northshore Fire Protection District

Name of Current Provider(s):

Include company name(s) and length of operation (uninterrupted) in specified area or subarea.

Northshore Fire Protection District

Area or subarea (Zone) Geographic Description:

Lucerne Fire District, Nice Fire District, Upperlake Fire Department, Clearlake Oaks Fire Department

Statement of Exclusivity, Exclusive or non-Exclusive (HS 1797.6):

Include intent of local EMS agency and Board action.

Non-Exclusive

Type of Exclusivity, "Emergency Ambulance", "ALS", or "LALS" (HS 1797.85):

Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (i.e., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.).

Method to achieve Exclusivity, if applicable (HS 1797.224):

If grandfathered, pertinent facts concerning changes in scope and manner of service. Description of current provider including brief statement of uninterrupted service with no changes to scope and manner of service to zone. Include chronology of all services entering or leaving zone, name or ownership changes, service level changes, zone area modifications, or other changes to arrangements for service.

If competitively-determined, method of competition, intervals, and selection process. Attach copy/draft of last competitive process used to select provider or providers.

In order to evaluate the nature of each area or subarea, the following information should be compiled for each zone individually. <u>Please include a separate form for each exclusive and/or nonexclusive ambulance zone.</u>

Local EMS Agency or County Name:
North Coast EMS- Lake County
Area or subarea (Zone) Name or Title:
Lake County Fire District
Name of Current Provider(s):
Include company name(s) and length of operation (uninterrupted) in specified area or subarea.
Lake County Fire District
Area or subarea (Zone) Geographic Description:
Lake County Fire District
Statement of Exclusivity, Exclusive or non-Exclusive (HS 1797.6): Include intent of local EMS agency and Board action.
Non-Exclusive

Type of Exclusivity, "Emergency Ambulance", "ALS", or "LALS" (HS 1797.85):

Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (i.e., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.).

Method to achieve Exclusivity, if applicable (HS 1797.224):

If grandfathered, pertinent facts concerning changes in scope and manner of service. Description of current provider including brief statement of uninterrupted service with no changes to scope and manner of service to zone. Include chronology of all services entering or leaving zone, name or ownership changes, service level changes, zone area modifications, or other changes to arrangements for service.

If competitively-determined, method of competition, intervals, and selection process. Attach copy/draft of last competitive process used to select provider or providers.

The Lake County Fire Protection District (LCFPD) provide EMS services over a 165-square mile service area to include the City of Clearlake and the Town of Lower Lake with an average call volume of approximately 5,200 annually. The LCFPD operates two ALS ambulances and one BLS engine 24/7/365. At peaks calls times the LCFPD has an automatic aid agreement with the remaining Lake County Fire Service agencies. Throughout the County of Lake the Fire Districts of Lake County have a fleet of 27 equipped ambulances. Out of those 27 ambulances 13 of those run 911 calls for service 24/7/365 with an additional 5 are set for IFT operations leaving 9 ambulances as reserves or to be staffed in the event of an MCI as when Lake County responded to the Lone Star MCI in Colusa County in 2008 with 9 ambulances while maintaining 12 ambulances for 911 service.

In order to evaluate the nature of each area or subarea, the following information should be compiled for each zone individually. <u>Please include a separate form for each exclusive and/or nonexclusive ambulance zone.</u>

Local EMS Agency or County Name: North Coast EMS- Lake County
Area or subarea (Zone) Name or Title: Lakeport
Name of Current Provider(s): Include company name(s) and length of operation (uninterrupted) in specified area or subarea. Lakeport Fire
Area or subarea (Zone) Geographic Description: Lakeport Fire District
Statement of Exclusivity, Exclusive or non-Exclusive (HS 1797.6): Include intent of local EMS agency and Board action. Non-Exclusive
Type of Exclusivity, "Emergency Ambulance", "ALS", or "LALS" (HS 1797.85): Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (i.e., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.).
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If competitively-determined, method of competition, intervals, and selection process. Attach copy/draft of last competitive process used to select provider or providers.

In order to evaluate the nature of each area or subarea, the following information should be compiled for each zone individually. <u>Please include a separate form for each exclusive and/or nonexclusive ambulance zone.</u>

Local EMS Agency or County Name: North Coast EMS- Lake County Area or subarea (Zone) Name or Title: South Lake County Fire District Name of Current Provider(s): Include company name(s) and length of operation (uninterrupted) in specified area or subarea. South Lake County Fire District Area or subarea (Zone) Geographic Description: South Lake County Fire District Statement of Exclusivity, Exclusive or non-Exclusive (HS 1797.6): Include intent of local EMS agency and Board action. Non-Exclusive Type of Exclusivity, "Emergency Ambulance", "ALS", or "LALS" (HS 1797.85): Include type of exclusivity (Emergency Ambulance, ALS, LALS, or combination) and operational definition of exclusivity (i.e., 911 calls only, all emergencies, all calls requiring emergency ambulance service, etc.). Method to achieve Exclusivity, if applicable (HS 1797.224): If grandfathered, pertinent facts concerning changes in scope and manner of service. Description of current provider including brief statement of uninterrupted service with no

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March 9, 2022

Elizabeth Winward State Trauma System Coordinator California EMS Authority 10901 Gold Center Drive, Suite 400 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Re: North Coast EMS Plan Update – Trauma System Status Report, including the Trauma Center Fee Utilization Report

Dear Ms. Winward:

The North Coast EMS (NCEMS) *Annual Trauma System Status Report Update* is attached. Because of the pandemic and subsequent EMSA direction, we did not submit an annual update last year, so this update covers the period from our last submission (2019) to the end of December, 2021. The Annual Trauma Center Fee Utilization Report is also attached. This report was also delayed by the pandemic.

Please note the following since our last revision was submitted:

- 1) Our commitment to the transfer of CEMSIS/Trauma Data submissions to the State EMS Authority on a quarterly basis continues. Three of four NCEMS trauma centers have exported data through September 2021. We continue to work closely with Trauma Center representatives to ensure uniform trauma patient data entry and timely submission to the State.
- 2) The Lake County Trauma Advisory Committee (TAC) has convened on a regular basis, now that there has been a renewed commitment at Sutter Lakeside Hospital for a Trauma Program. Permanent staff have been appointed to the key positions of Trauma Medical Director, Trauma Coordinator, Trauma Registrar, and ED Nurse Manager. The TAC gave input on refining the Trauma Catchment Area Boundaries in policy.
 - The Humboldt-Del Norte TAC has convened on regular basis since the last submission of this report. A Re-triage policy was introduced, and the Destination Determination policy was modified with input from this Committee. Both have been put into practice and data is being reviewed regularly for ongoing Performance Improvement (PI).
- 3) Adventist Health Clearlake formally requested to proceed with Level IV Trauma Center Designation in 2020. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this process was mutually put on hold due to other priorities. Adventist Health Clearlake and North Coast EMS have renewed discussions regarding Level IV Trauma Center Designation late in 2021. North

Coast EMS is awaiting a formal Letter of Intent from Adventist Health Clearlake to restart the process.

- 4) Annual Trauma Center Fees, approved by the NCEMS Joint Powers Governing (JPA) Board, have been paid by all four NCEMS Trauma Centers. Please see the attached Annual Trauma Center Fee Utilization Report. This six and one-half-year report indicates that Trauma Center Fee levels are consistently inadequate to cover North Coast EMS Trauma System related costs, which we may recover by statute. The Agency has therefore continued to utilize our decreasing fiscal reserve to subsidize the Trauma System and designated Trauma Centers so we can carry out statutory and regulatory LEMSA requirements. The Fees will be reviewed in 2022 and will be discussed with the JPA Board in a future meeting.
- 5) Sutter Coast Hospital completed a joint Oregon-California designation survey for Level IV Trauma Center on November 14, 2019 and was awarded continued Level IV Trauma Center designation in both states. They are due to be reevaluated November 2022 by both entities, date yet to be determined. Mad River Community, Providence St Joseph-Eureka, and Sutter Lakeside Hospitals all successfully completed redesignations of their respective Trauma Centers in 2021. Mad River Community and Sutter Lakeside Hospitals, both currently designated as a Level IV, were provisionally designated until 2022 with a final decision to designate through 2023. Providence St Joseph-Eureka, a Level III Trauma Center was fully redesignated through 2023 without conditions.

We look forward to your positive review of our Trauma Plan update.

Sincerely,

Larry Karsteadt, Executive Director

North Coast EMS

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cc:

Tom McGinnis, EMS Systems Division Chief, California EMS Authority

JPA Board Members: Rex Bohn, Humboldt County; Darrin Short, Del Norte County

North Coast EMS Trauma Centers: St Joseph Hospital, Mad River Community Hospital,

Sutter Coast Hospital and Sutter Lakeside Hospital

CAO, Trauma Medical Directors, Trauma Program Managers

Lake County Trauma Advisory Committee Members

Humboldt/Del Norte Trauma Advisory Committee Members

Matthew Karp, M.D., North Coast EMS Medical Director

Rita Henderson, R.N., Regional Trauma and EMSC Nurse Contractor

Kayce Hurd, Regional EMS and Disaster Coordinator

NCEMS Plan: TRAUMA SYSTEM STATUS REPORT, March 3, 2022

Rita Henderson, RN, Regional Trauma and EMSC Nurse Contractor and North Coast EMS personnel, including: Larry Karsteadt, Executive Director, Kayce Hurd, Regional EMS and Disaster Coordinator, and Matthew Karp, MD, Regional Medical Director.

This **EMS Plan: Trauma System Status Report** is based upon the Emergency Medical Services Authority, *Trauma System Plan Revision & Annual Trauma System Status Report Guidelines*, approved by EMSA August 2016.

- **I. Trauma System Summary:** North Coast EMS (NCEMS) serves as the local EMS agency for Del Norte, Humboldt, and Lake Counties.
 - A. Del Norte County: Sutter Coast Hospital in Del Norte County provides trauma care as part of the California and Oregon Trauma System and is jointly designated as a Level IV Trauma Center by the State of Oregon and NCEMS. The last site survey was conducted on November19, 2019 for continued designation and will be again jointly conducted in 2022, yet to be scheduled. Due to the large service area, and geographical isolation to neighboring facilities, Sutter Coast Hospital directly receives all trauma patients from Del Norte County and southwestern Oregon. Sutter Coast Hospital is the only hospital within an 80-mile radius, and the closest higher-level Trauma Center is many miles away. We coordinate ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the Trauma System with the Sutter Coast Hospital Trauma Coordinator, Pati Tucker-Hoover, RN and Sandy Saunders, MD, Trauma Medical Director, both of whom continue in these roles since the last report and site survey. The position of Trauma Registrar has been intermittently vacant, causing delays in entries to the trauma registry and exporting of data to CEMSIS. Evaluation is ongoing through updates received from participation with CEMSIS/Trauma data collection as available, periodic attendance at monthly Medical Advisory Committee (MAC), periodic Trauma Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings, and ongoing dialog with NCEMS staff. Del Norte County Trauma Center representatives also function as part of the Oregon Trauma System, ATAB #5, which convenes routinely with Trauma Coordinator attendance. Additionally, Sutter Coast Hospital representatives attend the Humboldt-Del Norte TAC and the North-Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee (N-RTCC) as time allows.
 - B. <u>Humboldt County:</u> North Coast EMS last conducted designation surveys in Humboldt County at Providence St. Joseph Hospital Eureka (SJE) and Mad River Community Hospitals (MRCH) on November 18 and 19, 2020 respectively, using the ACS standards as criteria for designation. SJE sufficiently met the ACS standards for designation as a Level III Trauma Center with the next site survey due the end of 2023. Kari Vandiver, RN, and Adam Mulvey remain as the full-time Trauma Program Manager and Trauma Registrar. As of October 2021, Tuan Hoang, MD became the Trauma Medical Director, replacing Lisa Neuger, MD.

MRCH was probationally designated as a Level IV Trauma Center through January 2022, after a return focused survey on June 10, 2021. North Coast EMS reviewed additional documentation from MRCH in January 2022 to determine final designation status and has continued probational designation until the next site survey at the end of 2023. Through the site survey process, MRCH and North Coast EMS mutually agreed to proceed with a change in designation level to a basic Level IV designation, thereby eliminating the "Level IV with Level III Surgical Commitment" unique designation that was awarded in 2017. Tina Wood, RN, remains as the Trauma Program Manager and Lindsey Adams, serves as the Trauma Registrar. Bruce Barker, MD replaced Luther Cobb, MD, as the Trauma Medical Director in February 2021.

Both trauma hospitals in Humboldt County continue to have established trauma transfer agreements between the two hospitals, shared imaging and real-time call schedule sharing/tracking. The Humboldt - Del Norte TAC meetings have been convened regularly on a quarterly basis. Case review has been a priority for the TAC meetings and continues ongoing. Data collection standardization and timely submission to CEMSIS have also been standing discussion items on the TAC agendas. The Destination Determination policy has been updated to reflect SJE as the only Level III Trauma Center in the county and therefore the most critical patients brought in by EMS go directly to that Trauma Center. A new Re-triage policy has been implemented, also directing the most critical patients to the Level III Trauma Center at SJE and allowing for life saving measures to be completed at other Emergency Departments as a "quick stop" and then onto definitive care. Both Trauma Centers continue to use Digital Innovations as their trauma registry, and this is working well for the hospitals and NCEMS. NCEMS continues to monitor the Humboldt County Trauma System and is working with both facilities to ensure review of Trauma Triage activations and ongoing PI. Both hospitals actively participate in the Humboldt – Del Norte TAC and attend the North-Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee as time allows.

C. Lake County: Sutter Lakeside Hospital (SLH) is designated as a Level IV Trauma Center. Trauma patients meeting Trauma Triage Criteria are most commonly flown out of Lake County to the Level II Trauma Center in Santa Rosa, the Level I in Sacramento, and to a Level III in the Napa region. NCEMS coordinates ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the Trauma System with the newly appointed Trauma Program Coordinator, Najia Sadiq, RN, and Matthew Karp, MD as Trauma Medical Director. Please note that Dr. Karp is also the North Coast EMS Medical Director and as such, has recused himself from all North Coast EMS Trauma Center designation functions regarding Sutter-Lakeside Hospital. Also, outside, non-affiliated EM MD surveyors were utilized for the initial and follow-up surveys. Debbie Arrington has become the Trauma Registrar, with all three being newly appointed to their roles in 2021. The consultation/educational site survey scheduled for November 12, 2019, was canceled due to turnover of staff and administration at SLH. With support of the Trauma Program from the new CAO, Scott Knight, the site survey was rescheduled and conducted on November 11, 2020, using the ACS standards as criteria for designation; Troy Falck, M.D., Medical Director of S-SV EMS was the lead surveyor. SLH was probationally designated as a Level IV Trauma Center through

January 2022, after a return focused survey was completed on June 8, 2021, with Zita Konik, M.D., Medical Director of Napa County EMS as the lead surveyor. North Coast EMS has reviewed additional documentation received from SLH in January 2022 to determine final designation status and has awarded full designation status until the next site survey at the end of 2023.

NCEMS has Agreements with Coastal Valley EMS, Napa County EMS and Sacramento County EMS regarding reciprocal quality review. Lake County TAC meetings were convened quarterly in 2021 and regular updates on Trauma System developments are also provided at the bi-monthly Lake County EMCC meetings. Coastal Valley's EMS agency representatives continue to invite NCEMS representatives, as well as Sutter Lakeside Hospital's Trauma Program Coordinator and Medical Director attend quarterly their TAC meetings. Sutter Lakeside Hospital's representatives also attend the N-RTCC meetings as time allows.

Sutter Lakeside Hospital updated their trauma registry, Trauma One, in early 2021 to reflect the same data fields as Sutter Coast Hospital's registry, thereby standardizing data collection throughout the region. SLH also plans to replace their current Trauma One product with a stand-alone server to decrease transmission complications and better manage the registry without having to remotely connect to North Coast EMS' server.

II. Changes/Updates in the Trauma System:

Rita Henderson, MSN, RN, continues as an independent contractor with NCEMS as the Regional Trauma and EMSC Nurse Contractor. Rita coordinates Trauma System oversight activities and Trauma Advisory Committee meetings. She helps ensure implementation, standardization, and ongoing submission of the Trauma One and Digital Innovations trauma registry data. She routinely attends N-RTCC meetings, JPA meetings, and the State Trauma Summit and provides technical expertise relative to numerous other aspects of trauma care and the area Trauma System. She serves as a part-time, contractor, approximately 12-15 hours per week. Annual Trauma Center Fees continue to be approved by the JPA Governing Board, and all four NCEMS Trauma Centers have paid the annual fee, allowing limited, though ongoing oversight of the three-county Trauma System.

All key Trauma System personnel remain in place at NCEMS, unchanged from last reporting in 2019. Matthew Karp, MD, continues as the part-time Regional Medical Director for NCEMS and has added on the role at SLH as the Trauma Medical Director as addressed above.

As noted in the cover letter attached, Adventist Health Clearlake Hospital (AHCH) has resumed discussions with NCEMS regarding Level IV Trauma Center designation. NCEMS and AHCH have participated in virtual meetings to discuss the process and next steps to move forward towards Trauma Center designation and NCEMS is awaiting a renewed commitment Letter of Intent from AHCH to proceed.

III. Number and Designation Level of Trauma Centers:

The NCEMS region currently has four designated **Trauma Centers**.

- Level IV, Mad River Community Hospital, Arcata, CA (Humboldt County), on probation.
- Level III, with 24/7 Neurosurgery: St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, CA (Humboldt County), fully designated.
- Level IV: Sutter Lakeside Hospital, Lakeport, CA (Lake County), fully designated.
 Level IV: Sutter-Coast Hospital, Crescent City, CA (Del Norte County), fully designated.

IV. Trauma System Goals and Objectives:

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•	Completion of successful trauma registry data transmission from each
Specific	Trauma Center to ImageTrend/CEMSIS and the ability for NCEMS
	Regional Trauma Nurse Contractor to review.
Measurable	NCEMS continues to coordinate with ESO/Lancet, Oregon Trauma
	Registry representatives, Digital Innovations and the four Trauma
	Centers to facilitate completion. Trauma Nurse Contractor identified
	opportunities for improvement specific to uniform data entry by all
	Trauma Centers. Focused discussions continue at TAC meetings to
	ensure standardization throughout the Trauma System.
Attainable	Trauma registry data transmission to EMSA trauma registry and access
	to data for contractor and NCEMS.
Relevant	Initiate, reinstate, and ensure timely and complete trauma registry data
	transmission to ImageTrend/CEMSIS from Sutter Coast Hospital, Sutter
	Lakeside Hospital, Providence St. Joseph- Eureka Hospital, and Mad
	River Community Hospital. Ensure ability to review by contractor and NCEMS.
Time	Ongoing progress reports from Trauma Centers to NCEMS at quarterly
	TACs and as needed. Data transmission from the Trauma Centers to
specific	ImageTrend/CEMSIS quarterly, under the following schedule: first
	quarter submitted by June 30, second quarter submitted by September
	30, third quarter submitted by December 31, and fourth quarter
	submitted by March 31, the following year. Ongoing and unencumbered
	access for review by contractor and NCEMS.
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		cation of CEMSIS- Trauma One Data and Digital Innovations registry	
2	data, and/or other data as determined, to assess quality of care and ensure Trauma		
		ght pursuant to state regulations.	
	Action Steps		
	Specific	Ongoing learning and development of customized queries and reports to support evaluation of trauma care and trends in the NCEMS region. This currently involves review of Trauma Registry data from the designated Trauma Centers by Regional Trauma Nurse Contractor and NCEMS and disclosure protected case reviews at TAC meetings. This also requires uniform data entry into the registry to allow "apples to apples" comparison of trauma patient volumes, etc.	
	Measurable	At a minimum, track and trend the following data points region-wide and Trauma Center specific: • Trauma patient volumes and activations • Population demographics • Injury type • Injury Severity Scores • Patient outcomes/disposition • Opportunities for Provider, Trauma Center, LEMSA and Trauma	
		System enhancement Evaluate appropriateness and need of specific data points through direct discussion with Trauma Program Managers and PI review at TAC meetings. Communicate with ESO/Lancet Technology and Digital Innovations as well as Trauma Center informatics representatives to facilitate review, of all four Trauma Center's registry data, by contractor and NCEMS. Work with Trauma Center representatives to establish and enhance PI and case review processes. Communicate as needed with ImageTrend contact for EMSA regarding error reports as they occur.	
	Attainable	Regional Trauma Nurse Contractor to attend ESO/Lancet Technology Trauma One and Digital Innovations training when available. Additionally, seek out web-ex educational offerings for continued opportunities to improve utilization of registry. Conduct, at minimum, quarterly data review and sharing with Trauma Program Managers to increase familiarity with report development and facilitate accuracy of data. Review reports from EMSA utilizing regional data transferred to the state's system. Continue to work collaboratively with Trauma Center and other EMS representatives to enhance the Trauma PI, data utilization and case review processes.	
	Relevant	Reporting will be shared with Trauma Centers to assist identification of internal and Trauma System performance improvement goals. On-going review to facilitate accuracy of data targeted for transmission to state and national levels.	
	Time- specific	 ESO/Lancet Technology Trauma One training as needed to continue with any identified transmission issues and Sutter- Lakeside Hospital to implement stand-alone server by beginning of 1Q22. 	

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		 Quarterly data export, facilitated by ESO/Lancet Technology between Oregon Trauma One & Sutter Coast Hospital, to ensure successful transmission of data to CEMSIS. Quarterly data export, facilitated by ESO/Lancet Technology from Sutter Lakeside Hospital, and the same for Mad River Community and
		Providence St Joseph- Eureka Hospitals with Digital Innovations.
		 Trauma Program Managers/Nurse Coordinators to submit data
		and case reports to NCEMS as requested for quarterly TAC
		meetings.
	Ongoing deve	lopment of the Trauma Advisory Committee (TAC) combined for
3	Humboldt - D	el Norte Counties and Lake County with attendance, leadership, and
		of meetings by the Trauma Centers and NCEMS.
	Action Steps	
	Specific	Improve communication and ensure oversight of EMS and trauma
		related activities throughout the region. Develop formal, constructive and
	Measurable	collaborative case and data review processes. Trauma Nurse Contractor and NCEMS representatives will coordinate,
	Measurable	lead and attend quarterly TAC meetings. Humboldt, Del Norte, and
		Lake representatives to regularly attend monthly Humboldt-Del Norte
		MAC, Lake EMCC, and quarterly TAC meetings.
	Attainable	Quarterly meetings scheduled were an original goal and have been
		attainable for all three counties this past year through a virtual "Zoom"
		platform. A standardized case review process has been established and is
		attainable using existing models. It is the responsibility of the Trauma
		Managers/Trauma Nurse Coordinators to complete ongoing PI/QA internally and work together within the region on shared patients to
		ensure that this is successful. NCEMS will ensure that internal PI/QA is
		happening at each Trauma Center and will convene the TAC for
		oversight of educational cases and opportunities for improvement. PI/QA
		is an important process for NCEMS, and we are working diligently
		throughout the region to prioritize this in a way that is meaningful,
	D.L	relevant and productive.
	Relevant	TAC meetings are exclusively related to the evaluation and input of
		Trauma Centers and Trauma System related processes. TAC meetings allow for data and disclosure protected case review, state, regional and
		county Trauma Systems updates, provides a forum to gain insight on
		Trauma Center functions and creates opportunities for Regional Trauma
		System improvement. Attendees have been able to attend meetings
		virtually through the Zoom platform in 2020/2021 and ongoing.
	Time-	Convene quarterly TAC meeting in Lake and Humboldt-Del Norte
	specific	Counties, continuing use of the virtual Zoom platform. The next
		scheduled Humboldt-Del Norte TAC meeting will be February 9, 2022,
		and for Lake County, February 17, 2022, both by Zoom.

		uma System and Trauma Center oversight in all three-counties and	
4	ensure ongoing funding the Regional Trauma Nurse Contractor position with Annual Trauma Center Fees.		
	Action Steps		
	Specific Specific	Annual Trauma Center fees from the four Trauma Centers have helped	
	Specific	ensure the oversight of the Regional Trauma Nurse Contractor for the 2020-2021 fiscal year at 30% time (0.3 FTE). However, as stated previously, combined Annual Trauma Center Fees are currently inadequate to cover North Coast EMS Trauma System related costs (see Section VIII and the attached Annual Trauma Center Fee Utilization Report) and increased fees will have to be considered in the future unless other new revenue is forthcoming. NCEMS will continue to develop, coordinate, and	
		expand the process to oversee, evaluate and enhance the three-county Trauma System. This includes TAC meeting coordination, data collection and review, PI and case review, Trauma Center compliance processes, site surveys as needed, and state required Trauma System oversight responsibilities.	
	Measurable	Monthly Medical Advisory Committee (MAC), bi-monthly Lake County EMCC and quarterly TAC meetings, attended by representatives of key stakeholders, remains an ongoing opportunity for dissemination of information and enhancement of the Regional Trauma System.	
	Attainable	NCEMS remains available to accomplish Trauma Center site visits within Humboldt, Del Norte and Lake Counties. Quarterly TAC meetings will be scheduled to review/share data and implement PI. Governing Board approved Annual Trauma Center Fees, though currently inadequate to cover associated Trauma System costs, helps NCEMS to continue to oversee the regional Trauma System with the availability of a qualified and independent Trauma Nurse Contractor.	
	Relevant	The Joint Powers Governing Board approved an Annual Trauma Center fee for each of the four Trauma Centers in both 2020/2021. The statutorily required fees are inadequate to cover associated costs of mandated Trauma System and Trauma Center oversight. Annual Trauma Centers Fees will be periodically reassessed as we collaboratively work to ensure uniform data entry to accurately assess trauma patient volume, trauma activations, etc.	
	Time- specific	Attendance at Medical Advisory Committee meetings, monthly, and Trauma Advisory Committee meetings, quarterly. Trauma Center contract modification by July 2022 if needed to reflect any changes and review of the Annual Trauma Center Fees by June 30, 2022.	
5	North RTCC and State Trauma Regulation Workgroup participation.		
	Action Steps		
	Specific	The development of a standardized regional approach to trauma care remains a priority mission. Participation by NCEMS Executive Director, Medical Director and Regional Trauma Nurse Contractor has been limited by time, budget, and travel. However, with the ability to virtually attend these meetings, Rita Henderson, RN, and Larry Karsteadt have attended	

Measurable	Invite UCDMC EMSC experts to participate in site-surveys.
Attainable	UCDMC EMSC representatives participated in site surveys.
Relevant	Ability to participate is balanced by other grant priorities.
Time-	Three Trauma Center and five EDAP site surveys were completed
specific	prior to the end of the grant.

V. Changes to Implementation Schedule:

Last Submission: November 6, 2019, with State approval on November 16, 2019. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, the schedule for submission of this report has been delayed by the State; however, we decided to proceed with the update at this time.

VI. System Performance Improvement:

A. Sutter Coast Hospital:

Performance Improvement processes begin with analysis of data collected on all patients meeting trauma criteria. Data sources are from PCRs, electronic health records, receiving facilities, medical examiner reports and the trauma registry. Processes are monitored for compliance with hospital specific indicators including ED length of stay > 6 hours with admission, delays in transfers, documentation specific to policy, all trauma related transfers. Levels of review begin with the Trauma Coordinator. Opportunities for improvement are further reviewed by the Trauma Program Medical Director and when appropriate by a multi-disciplinary physician review committee. Systems issues are addressed by the Quality and Patient Safety Committee. Action plans are developed with loop closures identified and maintained by the Trauma Coordinator.

B. Sutter Lakeside Hospital:

The performance improvement process is coordinated by the Trauma Program Coordinator and Trauma Medical Director. This process is well defined in the newly created hospital Trauma PIP plan (Performance Improvement Plan) and begins with the identification of patients utilizing trauma triage criteria along with trauma related ICD-10 codes. Review is conducted on all traumatic deaths, delayed transfers, trauma admission with subsequent transfer, ED discharge with readmission within 72 hours, errors in assessment or treatment, complications, field transport issues, and any system issues. Results of findings are provided to the Trauma Medical Director for review, comments and involvement of appropriate Medical Staff Committees including a Trauma Multi-Disciplinary Review Committee. Additionally, there is a Quality Improvement Program Trauma Committee established in the Performance Improvement Plan. Educational opportunities may be provided at staff meetings and field care audits.

C. St. Joseph Hospital:

Trauma Services has a formal performance improvement process. This allows for a multidisciplinary approach for rapid problem identification, data-driven analysis, and resolution of issues. The hospital Performance Improvement Quality Indicators include Readmission Rate, Partial Activation status with a disposition within 4 hours of registration, full activation status has a disposition within 120 minutes and 1-hour door-to-antibiotic time for all open fractures. Department specific core measures include mortality review, Trauma and Orthopedic Surgeon response time, appropriate neurosurgical care, etc. The process includes three levels of review starting with the Trauma Program Manager, escalating to the Trauma Medical Director and then to Trauma Peer Review Committee, as needed. Trauma Peer Review Committee meets quarterly and is multidisciplinary. Action plans are created by the Trauma Medical Director or Trauma Program Manager. The Trauma Program Manager is responsible for monitoring that the action plan is implemented, results are followed, and documented in the trauma registry.

D. Mad River Community Hospital:

The PI (Performance Improvement) for the Trauma Program follows the guidelines of Mad River Community Hospital QA/PI. 100% review of all Trauma admits to the ED/in-patient is completed by the Trauma Program Manager. All trauma deaths, ED or in-patient, are reviewed by the Trauma Medical Director. Data points as defined by ACS that do not meet benchmark are reviewed by the Trauma Program Manager and Trauma Medical Director and the following items are identified:

- System failures: EMS radio failure, EMS fails to follow NCEMS protocol, delay in admitting patient to the ED bed, inadequate monitoring, delay in initiating standard interventions (as defined by ACS and TNCC)
- Medical decision making delayed
- Transfer, if indicated, delayed
- Admission delayed
- Failure to follow MRCH Trauma Protocol

Any of the above items that are identified are documented along with a plan of correction which is approved by the Trauma Program Manager and the Trauma Medical Director and then presented to the Surgery Committee. The plan of correction will be put in place and monitored by the Trauma Program Manager. When the plan of correction is complete, the data points will be measured as scheduled and the determination of how effective the plan of correction was will be evaluated. The results of the plan of correction and any other follow-up will be presented to the Surgery Committee. Routine quarterly monitoring of all data points will continue, even when a plan of correction is being carried out. The Trauma Registry is used as a measuring tool for additional data points identified by the Trauma Medical Director and/or the Surgery Committee as having validity for reporting, to improve any step in the MRCH Trauma Program. Any additional data collection/action identified by the NCEMS TAC will also be included in the PI Plan.

VII. Progress on Addressing EMS Authority Trauma System Plan Comments:

No required actions/recommendations/comments were received in the North Coast EMS Agency's 2019 Trauma System Status Report approval letter.

- VIII. Trauma System Fiscal Status Update: Annual Trauma Center Fee Utilization Report: Statute requires a LEMSA to annually report Trauma System Fiscal Status and submit this report to the EMSA as part of the Annual Trauma System Update. We previously submitted our first report to the EMSA, Trauma Centers and our Governing Board separately from this report and the next report was delayed by the pandemic. The attached, expanded, and updated Trauma Center Fee Utilization Report indicates that after the initial two-year period supported by Governing Board approved Initial Trauma Center Fees and Site Survey Fees, we have continued to support the Regional Trauma System at an increasing loss. The Report verifies that collective Costs since 2016 have conservatively totaled \$225,117 and combined Trauma Center Revenue has totaled \$115,000. We have therefore had to absorb \$99,359 out of the General Fund budget net positive position. This is unsustainable and if no new revenue is secured annually, NCEMS must discontinue the Trauma System or face critical fiscal shortfall or collapse.
- IX. Other Issues: As an appointed member of EMSAAC, Executive Director will continue to participate in the process to update Trauma Regulations and provide opportunities for rural and regional participation in the review process. NCEMS Executive Director Larry Karsteadt served as the rural EMSAAC representative on the last Trauma Regulation revision.

North Coast EMS STEMI Critical Care System Plan – 2022

A STEMI Critical Care System Plan submitted to the EMS Authority shall include, at a minimum, all of the following components:

- (1) The names and titles of the local EMS agency personnel who have a role in a STEMI critical care system.
 - a) Employees

Larry Karsteadt, Executive Director: Administrative Oversight

Wendy Chapman, Associate Director: Prevention, Training Program Approval, Certification

Lee Hawkins, Fiscal Manager: Contracts, STEMI Fees, Fiscal Accounting

Kayce Hurd EMT-P: Regional EMS/Disaster Coordinator

Nicole Mobley, Executive Assistant: Office Management

b) Independent STEMI- Related Contractors

Matthew Karp, M.D., Regional Medical Director: Medical Oversight

Selinda Shontz: STEMI and Stroke Programs

Jay Myhre: e-PCR Program, Data/Office IT

Kayce Hurd: Protocols, Policies, Procedures, Regional EMS Coordinator

ICEMA: ImageTrend

(2) The list of STEMI designated facilities with the agreement expiration dates.

Saint Joseph Hospital, Eureka, California: STEMI Receiving Center (SRC)

The current agreement expires June 30, 2023 and will be extended to June 30, 2024 with receipt of annual renewal fee. The last site survey, which was successful, was completed Spring 2021. The next site survey will be conducted Spring 2025, per NCEMS Policy 2215. In the interim years, all STEMI Center requirements are reviewed via updated policy and documentation evaluation, meeting with STEMI Center Directors as needed and receipt of renewal fee.

(3) A description or a copy of the local EMS agency's STEMI patient identification and destination policies.

The STEMI Destination (and Patient Identification) Policy link:

http://northcoastems.com/wp-content/uploads/2215.pdf

(4) A description or a copy of the method of field communication to the receiving hospital specific to STEMI patient, designed to expedite time-sensitive treatment on arrival.

See above Policy 2215.

(5) A description or a copy of the policy that facilitates the inter-facility transfer of a STEMI patient.

See above Policy 2215.

(6) A description of the method of data collection from the EMS providers and designated STEMI hospitals to the local EMS agency and the EMS Authority.

The Prehospital Care Report Policy 2402 link:

http://northcoastems.com/wp-content/uploads/2402.pdf

North Coast EMS currently contracts with Jay Myhre to access e-PCR data and receives data on all STEMI patients from the SRC. We also contract with ICEMA and plan to develop a process to submit STEMI patient data received from the SRC to the state repository.

North Coast EMS participates in the C.A.R.E.S program

(7) A policy or description of how the local EMS agency integrates a receiving center in a neighboring jurisdiction.

See above Policy 2215.

(8) A description of the integration of STEMI into an existing quality improvement committee or a description of any STEMI specific quality improvement committee.

North Coast EMS established and convenes four Humboldt STEMI/Stroke Committee meetings annually to review cases, data, state and local STEMI program updates, etc. Representatives from all hospitals in Humbolt and Del Norte Counties are included. We utilize the County EMCC as the primary committee to provide STEMI system updates and have generic quality improvement policies to ensure hospital and prehospital case review in Lake County.

(9) A description of programs to conduct or promote public education specific to cardiac care.

North Coast EMS has a generic public education and prevention program and

requires the designated SRC to provide STEMI specific public education programs. The STEMI contractor and Executive Director review these programs annually and during site surveys.

(10) Targeted Objectives:

- A. Ongoing participation in C.A.R.E.S. program.
- B. Ongoing STEMI/Stroke meetings, QI review and data collection.
- C. Provision of STEMI data to state repository when available.
- D. Conduct SRC site surveys per policy.
- E. Evaluation of e-PCR ImageTrend access costs and potential new source of revenue. This remains a goal based upon EMSA establishing a computerized data registry with integrated field and hospital STEMI data. Until such time, hospital STEMI patient outcome data collection remains an expensive and time-consuming manual operation.



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The North Coast EMS Quality Improvement Program
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2022 Plan Update

Executive Summary

Quality improvement in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a process as much as an objective. North Coast EMS believes that all of our region's EMS participants wish to provide our communities with the best prehospital and hospital care possible. Together our agency and fellow EMS system participants have an ongoing responsibility to define - and redefine - the elements of the Quality Improvement Program (QIP) that help ensure optimal patient care, and to adopt a systematic approach to achieving this shared objective. This systematic approach includes an ongoing collaborative effort to develop agreed upon measurements of a high-quality EMS system.

The purpose of the North Coast EMS Quality Improvement Program (QIP) Plan is to identify individual components of the North Coast EMS System that can be measured and/or evaluated, regularly reviewed, and modified to ensure optimal EMS system performance. The North Coast EMS QIP Plan and the Annual QIP Plan Updates satisfy the requirements of Title 22, Chapter 12, Section 4 of the California Code of Regulations.

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The Quality Improvement Regulations

Most if not all caregivers strive to ensure the care they provide is of the highest quality. Competing demands for limited human and material resources make it difficult, however, to dedicate the time needed to develop and maintain an effective quality improvement program. By adopting regulations that require all EMS system participants to develop a QIP Plan, the State provided a framework for the four principal institutions within the California EMS system - the California EMS Authority, the Local EMS Agencies, Base Hospitals, and Advanced Life Support Provider Agencies – to engage in meaningful and sustained quality improvement processes.

The Quality Improvement Regulations further define the EMS quality improvement framework by identifying eight components of the EMS System:

- Personnel
- Equipment and Supplies
- Documentation
- Clinical Care and Patient Outcome
- Skills Maintenance/Competency
- Transportation/Facilities
- Public Education and Prevention
- Risk Management

North Coast EMS's Commitment to Quality Improvement

As the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) for Del Norte, Humboldt and Lake Counties, North Coast EMS ensures that our region's designated Paramedic Base Hospitals and authorized ALS Provider Agencies fulfill their requirement to adopt hospital or agency specific Quality Improvement Plans. It is the responsibility of our region's Base Hospitals and ALS Provider Agencies to engage in planning which encompasses the eight Quality Improvement components enumerated in the Quality Improvement Regulations and listed above.

The North Coast EMS Policy Manual, Base Hospital Agreements, and ALS Provider Agreements establish the regulatory and contractual basis for Quality Assurance (aka: Improvement) in each of the eight components listed within the California Quality Improvement Regulations. Additions or modifications to existing policies are initiated when opportunities for improvements are identified through the Quality Improvement Process. The following policies represent those most pertinent to achieving system improvement through the North Coast EMS QI process*:

Personnel

- Continuous Quality Improvement North Coast EMS Policy # 2101
- Certification/Accreditation/Authorization Process Policy # 4001
- Certification Review Process Policy # 2109
- Prehospital Care Medical Director and Nurse Coordinator Responsibilities Policy
 # 2109
- Quality Assurance Committee Policy # 2110
- EMT Incident Investigation, Determination of Action, Notification, and Administrative Hearing Process Policy # 4010
- First Responder Certification Process Policy # 4202
- EMT Certification Process Policy # 4302
- Paramedic Accreditation to Practice Within the North Coast EMS Region Policy #4603
- MICN Authorization Maintenance Requirements Policy # 4704
- Field Training Officer Authorization Requirements Policy # 4802

• Equipment and Supplies

- Public Safety-First Aid/First Responder/BLS Supply and Equipment Standard Policy # 2202
- EMT-P Standard Drug/Intravenous Solution List Policy # 2205
- Controlled Substances Policy # 2209

Documentation

- Chart Audit Guidelines Policy # 2106
- Prehospital Care Report Policy # 2402
- Access, Release, and Confidentiality of EMS Data Policy # 2403
- Contact Hospital Policy # 2501
- Radio Communication Policy # 2502
- Radio Communication Log Policy # 2503
- Clinical Care and Patient Outcome
 - Case Review Policy # 2104
 - Cancellation and Transfer of Patient Care Policy # 2302

- Care of Minors in the Field Policy # 2303
- BLS Determination of Death Policy # 2304
- ALS Determination of Death Policy # 2305
- Patient Refusal of Service Policy # 2312

Skills Maintenance/Competency

- Continuous Quality Improvement Providers/Hospitals Policy # 2101.1
- Field Care Audit Guidelines Policy # 2106
- o Field Care Audit Guidelines (Category II Continuing Education) Policy # 2108
- Training Program Approval Policy # 3001
- Instructor Qualifications Policy # 3002
- Testing Procedure Policy # 3003
- ALS Field Internship Procedure Policy # 3004
- Student Eligibility to Enter an MICN Training Program Policy # 3602
- MICN Training Structure sand Instructor Qualifications Policy # 3603
- MICN Training Program Required Hours and Content Policy # 3605
- Continuing Education Provider Approval Policy # 3702
- FTO Training Structure and Instructor Qualifications Policy # 3802
- FTO Training Program and Course Content Policy # 3804
- New Personnel Orientation and Field Preceptorship for MICN Policy # 4004
- New Personnel Orientation and Field Preceptorship for EMT-P Policy # 4005

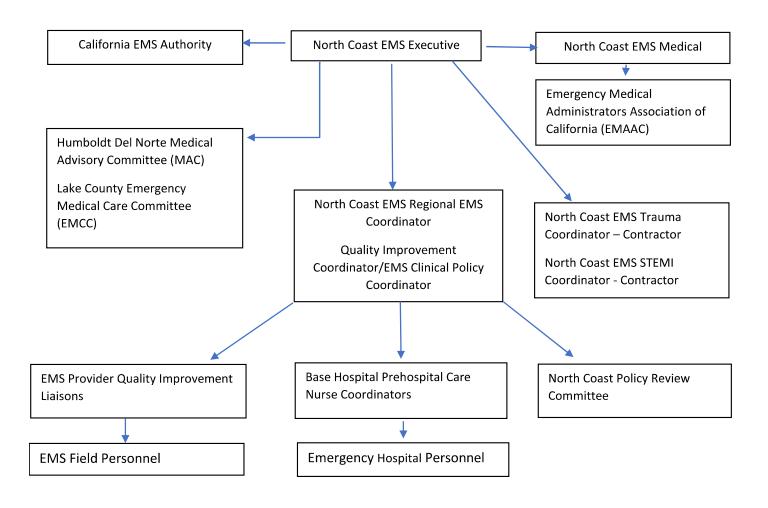
Transportation/Facilities

- Base Hospital Designation Policy # 2103
- Application for Emergency Medical Dispatch Center Provider Accreditation
 Policy # 2201
- Emergency Medical Dispatch Center Provider Accreditation Policy # 2201.1
- o Paramedic Transfer Provider Policy # 2203.2
- EMS Aircraft Services Policy # 2206
- EMS Aircraft Classifications and Definitions Policy # 2206.1
- EMS Aircraft Services Service Request/Dispatch Center Guidelines Policy # 2206.2
- EMS Aircraft Services Patient Care and Destination Policy # 2206.3
- EMS Aircraft Services Transportation Criteria Policy # 2206.4
- Interfacility Transfer Procedure Policy # 2208
- STEMI Receiving Center Designation Criteria Policy # 2215
- Reduction of Closure of Hospitals Policy # 2301
- o Destination Determination Policy # 2309
- MCI Communications Plan Policy # 2506
- Med Net Communications Guidelines Policy # 2508
- Trauma Triage Destination Guidelines Policy # 7000
- Trauma Registry Data Collection and Management Policy # 7004
- Patient Care Trauma System Rapid Re-triage of Critically Injured Patient Policy # 7007

- Public Education and Prevention
 - Injury Prevention Programs Policy # 7006

^{*}Additions or significant modifications to existing policy are subject to a required public comment period per North Coast EMS Policy Review and Development Policy # 2006.

NORTH COAST EMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COORDINATION STRUCTURE



Matching quality improvement to local resources

The EMS Quality Improvement Regulations recognize the significant differences in size, resources, and needs that distinguish EMS jurisdictions, hospitals, and providers. For the many different jurisdictions and EMS entities within the State, quality should be defined according to a baseline assessment and different starting points. The quality improvement of any EMS system participant should be measured against that participant's prior quality achievements.

Similarly, there are differences between hospitals and providers within the North Coast EMS region. North Coast EMS therefore encourages designated Base Hospitals and authorized ALS Providers to set objectives and build hospital and provider QI teams, in accordance with the goals set by their leadership, and commensurate with their quality improvement training, experience of their hospital and agency, and existing QIP Plans.

Constantly improving quality

It is not a simple matter to separate quality assurance from quality improvement. Typically, quality improvement and quality assurance responsibilities are assumed by the same individuals or teams within an institution, organization, or agency. Regardless, the distinction between these two quality objectives is less important than is the need for those individuals with "quality" responsibilities to challenge the notion that quality expectations will ever remain static. It is essential that QI leaders question today's goals and benchmarks and seek to continuously refine them considering new evidence or evolving standards.

In devising a Regional QIP Plan, North Coast EMS worked with system participants through our primary EMS community, the Humboldt/Del Norte Medical Advisory Committee, the Lake Emergency Medical Care Committee, and other committee forms, to establish a system of quarterly reporting on the eight Quality Improvement components and subsequently adopted a concurrent periodic "focused review." These reports have been delayed or temporarily discontinued by the COVID pandemic and staff turnover, but periodic QIP Reports are an important QI monitoring tool that verifies ongoing patient care and EMS system quality review.

Periodic focused reviews

Focused reviews generally target clinical or operational issues, such as the treatment of pain or the adoption of internal hospital or provideragency training and guidelines for the treatment and transport of patients potentially exposed to an emerging disease. As staff time permits, periodic review of focused QI Reports gives North Coast EMS the opportunity to identify potential EMS system needs and enhancements.

Because the reviews are conducted periodically, regional hospitals and provider liaisons are provided with routine opportunities to devise review criteria and methodologies. As staff time permits, North Coast EMS distributes a summary of submitted reviews, highlighting the most informative or well-designed reviews, and allowing all system participants an opportunity to compare their review approaches to their colleagues and for best practices to emerge.

Frequently review topics are drawn from discussions at regional prehospital meetings like the Medical Advisory Committee or Emergency Medical Care Committee meetings. On other occasions review results inform the agendas of state or regional EMS meetings. On occasion,

North Coast EMS uses the review as an opportunity to ensure that base hospitals and provider agencies have familiarized themselves with an issue of concern to our agency, to other LEMSAs, and/or to the California EMS Authority. On other occasions, North Coast EMS uses the review to solicit input into policy additions or modifications.

In selecting a topic for region-wide focused review, North Coast EMS gives preference to those topics that encourage reviewers to work with their hospital or provider colleagues. Frequently, for instance, North Coast EMS chooses focused reviews that require input from hospital or agencydisaster planners. In framing the focused review "question" North Coast EMS promotes a "team" approach to devising and conducting the hospital or provider agency specific review.

Just Culture

Progressive quality improvement methodologies have long recognized that failures to achieve sought after quality goals or to meet "industry" standards are generally not due to the failures of individuals, but instead can be more accurately and constructively identified in the procedural or structural shortcomings within their work environments. In seeking solutions to problems or opportunities for improvement, North Coast EMS works with other EMS System participants to analyze the root causes of problems, and looks for the means to optimize the energy, talent, and dedication of all our system partners.

Identifying and Prioritizing Opportunities for Improvement

EMS system participants engage in a wide and varied assortment of activities. Based on their own personnel and material resources, each institution or agency can best achieve improvement by carefully targeting quality improvement goals and objectives.

North Coast EMS encourages regional base hospital and EMS provider agency Quality Improvement Liaisons and other key personnel to adopt a Quality Improvement Program Plan structured according to the eight system components. North Coast EMS is responsible for planning and overseeing regional systems that encompass multiple EMS components. EMS Subspecialty Care Systems, such as Trauma, STEMI, Disaster or EMS for Children, and the Regional EMS System as a whole, include most if not all EMS quality improvement components. Because responsibilities for these systems fall to different North Coast EMS representatives - who in turn engage with different State, regional, other LEMSA, local hospital, and local EMS provider agency representatives - it is practical to adopt a North Coast EMS systemic quality improvement framework structured according to QIP Regulations and individual EMS system needs and capabilities.

Though it is helpful to adopt a conceptual framework to structure quality improvement efforts, it is essential that the chosen framework not dictate those quality improvement objectives that receive the most agency attention or focus. North Coast EMS strives to ensure that those qualities need most pertinent to optimal patient care and the support of prehospital and hospitalpersonnel be prioritized. Regardless of origin of the identified quality improvement opportunity, pursuit of that opportunity should then benefit from a structured quality improvement approach

The Eight Quality Improvement Components (Structure, Committees and Mechanisms)

Personnel

North Coast EMS is committed to facilitating the certification and employment of the highest possible level of qualified prehospital personnel within our region. This objective is accomplished, in part, by providing clear requirements for regional training of Public Safety personnel, certification of EMT-Is and accreditation of state licensed Paramedics in accordance with State regulations, and authorization of Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs) following local policy (relevant forms and policies are easily accessible to a visitor to North Coast EMS's web site www.northcoastems.com). North Coast EMS also approves prehospital Continuing Education (CE) Providers, Field Training Officers (FTOs) and First Responder training consistent with established standards or guidelines. North Coast EMS supports prehospital provider education, both directly through occasional training programs, and indirectly through approval of training programs, and the personnel requirements included in provider agency and hospital agreements.

North Coast EMS participates, as staff time allows, in state committees and task forces, and reviews and comments on proposed changes to the state regulations concerning EMS certification, licensure, and accreditation. North Coast EMS also publicizes and solicits comments from other North Coast EMS system participants concerning possible state or local EMS personnel changes to ensure that new State requirements are implemented, and local training needs are addressed. Availability of training in the more rural and remote communities is an ongoing problem. North Coast EMS regularly alerts system participants to changes in State requirements that may affect their personnel or potential hires.

The North Coast EMS region shares challenges faced by other rural areas in assuring access training, maintaining certification, accreditation, and licensure, particularly testing requirements. As with all noteworthy issues, interested parties are advised via memos, regular meetings (Medical Advisory Committee {MAC} for Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, Emergency Medical Care Committee {EMCC} for Humboldt and Lake, the North Coast EMS web site, and other mechanisms.

Certification/Accreditation

North Coast EMS prioritizes the processing of new certifications/accreditations to support providers staffing requirements. Time allowed for certification/accreditation "turn around" is usually three working days or less, and in all cases North Coast EMS accomplishes these certifications/accreditations well within the maximum allowable times. Provided certification/accreditation documentation is properly filed, North Coast EMS attempts to fulfill special provider requests for accelerated personnel accreditation. North Coast EMS continues to assess and adopt enhanced methods to streamline these processes, recently including discontinuation of the Prehospital Medical Care Director signature requirement for new Paramedics and FTOs.

Local accreditation of new paramedics includes requirements that the individual receives focused orientation to local practices and protocols. New paramedics are proctored by locally approved FTOs who must meet minimum requirements and be approved by their provider agency. Local FTO training program instructors work closely with North Coast EMS to

periodically enhance the FTO training program. Prior to recommending local accreditation of paramedics new to the area, the North Coast EMS Coordinator reviews at least five (5) of the new paramedics' prehospital care reports, and ten (10) in the case of newly state licensed paramedics. In addition, the North Coast EMS Regional Coordinator, acting as the agency QI Coordinator, takes concerns to the North Coast EMS Regional Medical Director who may require additional evaluation or orientation of the newly accrediting Paramedics.

Training

North Coast EMS approves and monitors (pending staff time) all regional First Responder, Public Safety First-Aid, EMT, Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), Paramedic, FTO and MICN training programs. In addition to the above courses, North Coast EMS approves policies that include training requirements for the State approved expanded local optional scope of practice for paramedics (Ketamine, TXA, Interfacility transport policies — Heparin and Nitroglycerin drip policies, blood and blood products, and Continuation of antibiotics) North Coast EMS strives to ensure that training programs meet the State and National standards.

North Coast EMS has developed policies regarding required training program approval of Public Safety, First Responder, EMD, EMT, paramedic, FTO and MICN training programs, consistent with state laws, regulations and/or local policy. As time permits, Agency staff attempt to meet with each of the newly approved training program personnel to discuss California state laws and regulations, North Coast EMS policies and procedures, and expectations for training. North Coast EMS personnel monitor each training program to the extent possible, optimally followed by review of written evaluation results. North Coast EMS also approves CE providers following the EMSA CE Regulations. There are approximately 40 approved CE providers.

Students attending courses overseen by North Coast EMS are encouraged to complete surveys evaluating the instruction received in all approved training programs. Survey results can be used to guide policy and procedural changes to improve training program effectiveness and the overall EMS System.

Due to stagnant staff size and new state mandates and local priorities, North Coast EMS has been unable to directly monitor approved training programs for several years other than for cause. Increased funding and FTEs are needed to do so.

Equipment and Supplies

Ambulance stocking

Requirements for the stocking, maintenance and security of prehospital equipment and supplies are promulgated in North Coast EMS Policies 2202 (BLS Supply and Equipment Standard) 2205 Paramedic Standard Drug/Intravenous Solution List), and 2209 (Controlled Substances). North Coast EMS may conduct spot check visits at the discretion of the North Coast EMS Executive Director and Regional Medical Director.

Medication and supply chain shortages over the last few years have resulted in situations when regional ALS Providers must consider how to address situations when medication levels reach a critical low state and constantly address just in time training to address the use of medications not available in premixed forms. Providers are in constant contact with suppliers and all critical medication shortages have been addressed without affecting patient care needs. We continue

to work with our regional ALS Provider agencies to ensure inventory monitoring with special attention to anticipating possible shortages.

Requests to consider the elimination, or inclusion of, drugs or supplies to the required list are reviewed by the Agency. During the years of 2021 and 2022 the North Coast EMS Regional Medical Director made several requests to expand the local scope of practice to Emergency Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) for discussion. The EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee, and the EMSA, approved North Coast EMS requests for the additional medications and Covid related policies.

Communications Coverage

North Coast EMS provides oversight and consultative support for medical communications within the North Coast EMS region between prehospital and Base Hospital personnel. North Coast EMS Policies 2404 (Standing Orders and Radio Failure Reporting), 2501 (Contact Hospital), 2502 (Radio Communication). See - "Clinical Care and Patient Outcome —Medical Oversight" below.

North Coast EMS also helps to coordinate region wide maintenance and enhancement of the Med Net Communications system. All agency participation agreements with Paramedic Base Hospitals and ALS Providers specify communications requirements. The Paramedic Base Hospitals are required to maintain their own Emergency Department Med-Net radios (with one exception due to a dysfunctional Mtn. Top Repeater, cell phones are used in Del Norte County) and recording systems; ALS Providers maintain their own mobile and portable Med-Net radios; and, each county is responsible for providing maintenance for the Med-Net Repeaters located within their County. North Coast EMS maintains a Med Net Trust Fund to assist with Med-Net Mtn. Top Repeater replacement or maintenance. The Med-Net System, however, utilizes old technology and is becoming more and more difficult to maintain, and alternative or new field to hospital communications systems will be needed in the future. Several mountain top repeaters as well as base hospital radios and recorders are slated to be replaced in 2022 but parts and equipment are still backordered going into 2023.

North Coast EMS also facilities coordination of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and 9-1-1 dispatch and approves Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) training programs at Cal-Fire in Fortuna and jointly with Napa County EMS for Lake County.

Documentation

Data Submission and Validation

As part of the required EMSA General Fund contract, North Coast EMS has consistently submitted quarterly reports that updated and addressed contract objectives and identified significant EMS Plan changes. We also submit the annually required Regional EMS, STEMI, EMSC, QIP (this report) and Trauma Plan Updates to the EMSA, and HPP Disaster progress reports to CDPH.

Prior to submitting most documents to the EMSA, North Coast EMS circulates draft copies to providers, hospitals, county representatives and other interested parties with the special knowledge needed to identify omissions, inaccuracies, and/or answer questions.

Most documents circulated by the Agency are also made available on the North Coast EMS website. North Coast EMS also solicits suggestions for additions or changes to the website. Most site updates are performed by the North Coast EMS Executive Assistant and the Regional EMS Coordinator.

North Coast EMS was the first LEMSA to successfully transmit CEMSIS data to the State EMS Authority EMS data repository. In the years following this success, North Coast EMS continues to meet the State's requirements for e-PCR, and when required, hospital data submission, such as: Core Measures, C.A.R.E.S., APOT and Trauma Registry. The cost to maintain e-PCR data platform is now being shared with all ALS Providers who are required by statute to ensure LEMSA access to their prehospital data. The Regional EMS Coordinator, STEMI and Trauma Contractors, and others, continue efforts to ensure that accurate data is entered on all EMS System patient contacts.

Security

Requests for documentation by outside individuals or entities are answered according to North Coast EMS's Policy 2304 "Access, Release and Confidentiality of EMS Data."

North Coast EMS maintains disclosure and password protected Case Review documentation that is provided on a need-to-see basis to individuals who have previously signed the Agency's confidentiality agreement. Rarely requested subpoenaed documentation is released only after consultation with assigned County Counsel. Disclosure protected committees, such as: the Humboldt-Del Norte and Lake Trauma Advisory Committees (TACs) and the STEMI/Stroke Committee also confidentially discuss pre-reviewed educational cases selected to enhance the EMS System.

Email communications, including patient specific information, by North Coast EMS personnel utilizing the northcoastems.com email address is encrypted, and confidential external emails can be encrypted as well. Prehospital data is password protected and access is limited to office personnel and restricted and limited access is provided to hospital and prehospital personnel for legitimate quality assurance and quality improvement purposes, according to relevant North Coast EMS quality assurance and quality improvement Polices (see Policies 2100 – 2111) and pursuant to Evidence Code Section 1157.7. Trauma Registry and C.A.R.E.S. data is also protected. Only authorized personnel may access the registry program.

Clinical Care and Patient Outcome

Treatment Guidelines

North Coast EMS directly influences patient care through the development and revision of Treatment Guidelines (including medical protocols, procedures and policies). Changes to Treatment Guidelines may be inspired by the needs of our providers, suggestions from base hospitals, ongoing review of the EMS literature including changes recommended by institutions and associations such as the AHA and NAEMSP, and discussion at conferences and meetings. Among the most important sources of input and sounding boards for changes are the EMSA, EMS Commission, EMSAAC, EMDAC, Trauma Workgroup, and the EMSC Coordinators meetings and conferences. Other meetings regularly attended by North Coast EMS staff, and whose

discussions may provoke or contribute to policy changes include, EMCC, MAC, TAC, Fire Chiefs Association, STEMI/Stroke, Child Death Review, Injury Prevention, Child Passenger Seat, and the Humboldt/Del Norte Redwood Coast, and Lake Healthcare Coalitions (RCHCs). Significant changes to the Treatment Guidelines are reviewed by the Policy Review Committee administered by the Regional EMS Coordinator and reviewed by the Regional Medical Director for clinical efficacy and the Executive Director for administrative consistency.

National and State efforts to synchronize the scopes of practice of various EMS field providers are generally driven by research conducted, and needs identified, in densely populated urban centers. While North Coast EMS endorses the adoption of evidence-based EMS clinical interventions, we recognize that our local providers confront staffing limitations and long transportation times that defy simple comparisons with urban circumstances. Frequent changes in national and state EMS standards, as well as the evolution of scopes of practice for all levels of field care providers have challenged our small staff. To address a growing backlog of policy revisions, North Coast EMS contracted with a web designer who converted the North Coast EMS website to "Word Press," an intuitive program that facilitates web site changes, including frequent policy updates. This change means that the North Coast EMS Executive Assistant and the Regional EMS Coordinator can more readily shepherd policies through the revision process, including uploading new and revised policies to the North Coast EMS website.

Committee Structure

The following committees are tasked with evaluating and offering input into a variety of EMS related issues, including clinical, operational, and administrative. Although the entire committee may discuss general clinical matters, specific cases are only dealt with in a disclosure protected sitting as described in the Security section above.

Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC), Trauma Advisory Committee (TAC), Inter-facility Transfer (IFT) and Priority 1 – Lake County

The statutorily authorized Lake County EMCC is an advisory body to the Lake County Board of Supervisors and North Coast EMS. The Committee is charged with the review of ambulance operations, first aid/CPR training and emergency medical care provided in Lake County. The EMCC is composed of North Coast EMS personnel and Lake County Board of Supervisors appointees, and includes representatives of public and private services, the health department, local hospitals, and other agencies involved in EMS. The Lake IFT and Priority 1 Committees are locally overseen subcommittees of the EMCC and the Lake TAC is advisory to North Coast EMS specific to Trauma System related matters.

The EMCC and TAC Committees can be disclosure protected and used to discuss confidential QI patient information. This regularly occurs in the TAC meetings.

EMCC and Medical Advisory Committees (MAC) – Del Norte and Humboldt

The Humboldt-Del Norte EMCC is an advisory body to the Humboldt and Del Norte County Boards of Supervisors and North Coast EMS. The EMCC is charged with the responsibility to review ambulance operations, first aid/CPR training and emergency medical care provided in the Del Norte and Humboldt Counties. The EMCC is composed of North Coast EMS personnel and Humboldt County Board of Supervisors appointees and includes representatives of prehospital and hospital agencies involved in EMS.

The Humboldt and Del Norte Medical Advisory (MAC), TAC and STEMI/Stroke Committees are Subcommittees of the Humboldt County EMCC. The MAC, TAC and STEMI/Stroke Committees are the primary advisory bodies to North Coast EMS in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties for overall EMS, Trauma, and STEMI Subsystem oversight, coordination, and operations. Members on these subcommittees consist of hospital, Trauma Center, STEMI Receiving Center, ALS Provider, fire, public health and other representatives. Del Norte County also has a MAC-North Committee that may periodically discuss and resolve EMS related issues specific to Del Norte County; this group has not met for several years.

The EMCC, TAC and STEMI/Stroke Committees can be disclosure protected and used to discuss confidential QI patient information. This regularly occurs during TAC and STEMI meetings.

North Coast EMS Policy Review Committee - The Committee attempts to meet quarterly and includes representation from each of our region's three counties.

Medical Oversight

North Coast EMS oversees the Regional QIP and pursuant to statute, oversees the medical control of the Regional EMS System. Clinical aspects of these programs are overseen by the Regional Medical Director and administrative by the Executive Director. Medical oversight and QI are critically important components of the statutorily required LEMSA responsibility for EMS System evaluation. The EMS System and all subsystems (see the Regional EMS, Trauma, STEMI and EMS for Children Plan Updates) have extensive policies, procedures and processes to oversee patient care, utilize data and case review processes, and other tools to promote and enhance overall EMS System effectiveness. Virtually all aspects of North Coast EMS operations are designed by law, regulation, policies and procedures to oversee EMS System clinical care, including: pre-approval and monitoring of training programs; certification and recertification of personnel; approval of EMD programs; authorization of ALS Providers; designation and monitoring of Paramedic Base Hospitals, Modified (non-MICN) Base Hospitals, Trauma Centers, Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (EDAPs) and the STEMI Receiving Center in Eureka, Cal; etc.

Additionally, North Coast EMS provides retrospective medical oversight through the case review process (North Coast EMS policy 2104), through review of new and accrediting paramedics 10 and 5 "calls", i.e. the PCRs written by paramedic interns and paramedics prior to accreditation, through review of calls using the prehospital data base for specific chief complaints or according to other criteria, and through policies and agreements obliging base hospitals and providers to provide prospective, online and/or retrospective review and input. All hospitals within the region have access to all patient care charts of patients brought to their facility. Over the last two years, no hospital has reported that they were unable to access and locate a needed patient chart with the exception of very temporary times. All vendors who are providing e-PCR programs outside the ICEMA ImageTrend program are responsive to inquiries and have worked closely with North Coast EMS to resolve uploading and posting errors.

Skills Maintenance/Competency

Scope of Practice

North Coast frequently receives requests to consider the addition or elimination of skills or

medications from our regional EMS scope of practice. Each of these requests receives careful consideration, although many are immediately identified as required or prohibited by Title 22.

The North Coast EMS Regional Medical Director may make determinations about additions or eliminations independently, but generally these requests receive further review among office staff and the EMCC, MAC, TAC, etc., including an evaluation of the EMS literature, relevant prehospital data available through our prehospital data collection system, and hospital data collection via the State Trauma Registry and other mechanisms. Further evaluation may require input from fellow LEMSAs and the regional EMS community, and in the past North Coast EMShas considered the relevant medical literature, local prehospital care data, national and state best practices, and the results of queries of field and hospital personnel to determine whether modifications in scope could be justified by an objective evaluation of patient presentations, response and transport times and existing prehospital intervention options. All new Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support scope additions must be approved by the EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee and the EMSA through an application process.

North Coast EMS has determined that "trial studies" require more staff time than is feasible for the foreseeable future and will not attempt these unless the need is decisive, or the trial is done in conjunction with one or more other LEMSAs with whom North Coast EMS may divide administrative duties. In certain cases, the North Coast EMS Regional Medical Director may elect to request a further eview of possible additions or eliminations by EMDAC and/or EMSA.

Recent scope of practice additions are included in the most recent Regional EMS Plan Update.

Skills Utilization Benchmarking

North Coast EMS follows all relevant state statutes and regulations, including skills benchmarking when and if appropriate. The Agency will also remain attentive to ongoing benchmarking efforts documented in the EMS statutes and in the national, state and LEMSA experience, and consider benchmarking standards as needed.

Skills - Advanced Provider

See "Skills Utilization Benchmarking" above.

Transportation/Facilities

Two of the counties, Humboldt, and Lake, in the North Coast EMS region have a Board of Supervisors approved ambulance ordinance that provides a mechanism to permit and monitor emergency medical transportation services. Del Norte County has an ambulance specific contract with the local ambulance service.

North Coast EMS assists Counties, when possible, through its QI System.

The Agency also approves all ALS Providers; approves and monitors ALS Provider and Base Hospital QIP Plans and reviews periodic updates; and designates Paramedic Base Hospitals, Trauma Centers, a STEMI Receiving Center and EDAPs. We conduct periodic site surveys to subspecialty centers and, due to chronic understaffing, to ALS Providers and Base Hospitals for

cause only. We also prepare and review APOT, Trauma Registry, cardiac and other relevant prehospital and hospital data.

North Coast EMS developed and submitted the Humboldt County (Exclusive Operating Area) Transportation Plan to EMSA. It was approved, contracts were executed, and effective January 1, 2022, non-competitive exclusivity was granted to City Ambulance of Eureka, Inc. inthe Eureka zone (contingent on ongoing coverage of the Fortuna and Garberville subzones), and, to Arcata-Mad River Ambulance in the Arcata zone. The Agency has entered the monitoring phase. North Coast EMS also reviewed and determined that Del Norte Ambulance is eligible for non-competitive grandfathering, and we are currently working with County leadership to review potential EOA options, including competitive bid.

Hospital Diversion

North Coast EMS does not recognize hospital diversion, i.e. patients re-directed to more distant hospitals due to ED saturation. Automatic hospital bypass or redirection is permitted only in case of internal hospital disaster and must be documented by the hospital to North Coast EMS according to North Coast EMS policy 2309.

Specialty Care Centers Destination

See the North Coast Regional EMS Plan, Trauma System Plan, STEMI Plan and EMSC Plan Updates.

North Coast EMS has four designated Trauma Centers: Sutter Lakeside Hospital as a Level IV, St Josephs as a Level III, Mad River Community Hospital as a Level IV, Sutter-Coast Hospital as a Level IV Trauma Center in collaboration with the State of Oregon, North Coast EMS has defined destination determination for critical trauma patients in Policy 7000A and registry data collection and management requirements in Policy 7004. The Agency also recently adopted a Trauma Retriage Policy.

Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) was established in the North Coast EMS region in 1989. Currently, five out of the seven hospitals are EDAP designated. North Coast EMS is working with the two hospitals who allowed their designations to lapse to achieve reinstatement in 2023.

Public Education and Prevention

Community Involvement

North Coast EMS participates as staff time allows in Humboldt County community involved groups, such as Childhood Injury Prevention, Child Passenger Safety Committee, Child Death Review Team, the Water Safety Coalition and Narcan Leave Behind programs.

Prevention Programs

See above. North Coast EMS recently worked and continues to work closely with Public Health and the EMS communities on mitigating the impact of the pandemic, recent earthquakes and the ongoing opioid crisis.

Customer Satisfaction

In the development and implementation of all Agency programs, North Coast EMS continually solicits comments and questions from system participants. During MAC, EMCC and other meetings, and in their periodic QI report submissions, North Coast EMS region base hospitals and ALS Provider agencies routinely make suggestions regarding North Coast EMS administrative practices, and North Coast EMS routinely adopts administrative changes based on these recommendations.

North Coast EMS encourages input from the public and thoroughly reviews concerns brought to the agency by members of the public. Generally North Coast EMS will discuss these concerns with the provider agency or hospital in question, and will ask that identified problems be addressed, that a report be made to North Coast EMS and that the member of the public who initiated the review be contacted and provided with relevant non-confidentiality protected information.

Risk Management

Issue Resolution Process

North Coast EMS requires all system participants to document time/date specifics for all quality concerns. North Coast EMS encourages all issues to be resolved between parties directly affected. When this approach proves impractical or impossible for any reason, or when local issues may benefit from system wide review or changes, North Coast EMS may assume responsibility for review and resolution. In cases where issues may be beyond the resources or jurisdiction of North Coast EMS (generally those concerning paramedic licensure) North Coast EMS advises EMSA.

Resolution of all issues includes a review of all relevant State regulations, North Coast EMS policy and prior practice. Due process is afforded all concerned individuals and agencies.

System Monitoring

North Coast EMS is responsible for overall evaluation, planning, maintenance, and enhancement of the EMS System, and virtually all activities are designed to continuously improve patient care and best practices.

North Coast EMS has several EMS system evaluation programs and tools in use:

ImageTrend, the electronic prehospital database reporting system used to record all prehospital care patient documentation.

Training and CE programs are evaluated based on state standards, agency policies and procedures, site visits and written reports as needed.

ALS providers are evaluated based on state standards and written reports and have approved CQI Programs in place. Site visits are conducted if needed, such as for a new provider or to investigate problems. The agency also conducts certification and accreditation reviews of personnel.

Base hospitals are evaluated based on state standards, site visits and written reports, and all facilities have written participation agreements with North Coast EMS. These site visits are no longer possible other than for cause.

The EDAP Program evaluates pediatric capabilities of EDs based on local standards and state regulations, site visits and reports. All EDAPs have written participation agreements with North Coast EMS and five of seven were surveyed this last year.

The Trauma and STEMI/Stroke Programs evaluate trauma and STEMI patient care based upon local standards and state regulations, site surveys and reports. All have written agreements with North Coast EMS and three of the four Trauma Centers were surveyed this last year. A site survey to the STEMI Center, the other two EDAPs and the remaining Trauma Center is planned for next year.

North Coast EMS's Executive Director, Regional Medical Director and Associate Director participate on various committees at the State level to improve EMS system evaluation mechanisms statewide. North Coast EMS staff routinely review and provide comments on draft documents distributed by the State EMS Authority.

North Coast EMS has implemented and will monitor provider and hospital compliance with the QIP regulations. As part of this program, North Coast EMS requires periodic reporting from each provider and hospital's QIP activities. These summaries are reviewed by the Agency as staff time allows us to identify targets for county or region wide improvement that can be pursued jointly by all concerned system participants.

Quality Improvement Goals and Objectives

North Coast EMS has a long evolving and very robust Quality Improvement Program (QIP) that currently follows the adopted State QI Regulations. The regulations require development of a QIP Plan with Annual EMS Plan Updates. This document is the most current Update to the EMSA approved QIP Plan. North Coast EMS is also required to review and approve ALS Provider and Paramedic Base Hospital QIP Plans pursuant to state regulations, and we uniquely require periodic QIP Reports of those same entities to ensure ongoing quality improvement processes are in place and active. As stated previously, virtually all North Coast EMS activities are designed or influenced by the overall QIP Plan: training, personal certification, approval or designation of EMD, prehospital responders, hospitals, data review, etc.

More generally, EMS System quality improvement is best conceptualized as a cyclical process involving the identification of quality improvement objectives, development of the Quality Improvement Program (QIP) Plan to achieve those objectives, implementation of the quality improvement objective plan, an assessment of the results of that plan implementation, and the further identification of quality improvement opportunities – e.g., a refinement of the QIP Plan and updates to it, based on assessment results and state standards. Validating the value of EMS community quality improvement efforts benefits is achieved through outside oversight, when feasible, and an ongoing public discussion of the cyclical quality improvement process. That public discussion encourages continued public, EMS community, and political leadership support for the use of system personnel and material resources to achieve identified quality improvement objectives.

Based on input and indicators from EMS system participants, and from quality assurance and improvement mechanisms — including but not limited to priorities established by federal objectives, the California EMS Authority, discussions with administrative and medical counterparts at EMSAAC and EMDAC meetings, input from the North Coast EMS Governing Board, local EMS System participants, the disclosure protected case review processes, and electronic system data collected through ImageTrend, the State Trauma Registry and other modalities - the North Coast EMS Executive and MedicalDirectors establish the North Coast EMS quality improvement goals with identification of specific staff and/or contractor leadership. The overall administrative process is overseen by the Executive Director and Regional EMS Coordinator.

The following North Coast EMS Quality Improvement Plan Matrix of Indicators defines our agency's current and ongoing goals and quality improvement priorities, along with the objectives established to meet those goals, the staff or contractor (in bold) with primary responsibility for coordinating the objective, the team members, the metric adopted to measure progress towards achieving the objective, and the individuals, agencies or organizations who will receive reports on progress toward achieving the objective:

GOAL	Objectives/Activities	Topic QI Review	Reporting	Metric
		Committee	Method/Target Audience	
Goal 1	QIP Reports submitted by	NCEMS EMS Coordinator,	NCEMS ExecutiveDirector	90% submission by Provider QI
Enhance processes for the	ALS Provider QI Liaisons	Provider QI Liaisons,	NCEMS Medical Director	Liaisons to PCNCs with copies
evaluation and	and PCNCs or assigned	PCMDs, PCNCs, Regional		to PCMD, NCEMS.
improvementt of the EMS	personnel. Focused topic	EMS Coordinator.		Improvement not-compliance
system	selected by Regional EMS			noted. Continued need to
	Coordinator with input			prompt certain provider
	from providers and the			agencies for timely reporting.
	Regional Medical			Unable to document %
	Director. Copies submitted			compliance currently due to
	to PCMD, PCNC and			limited staff time.
	Regional EMS Coordinator			2017 In collaboration with
	for review.			Eurekamediadesign.com has
				developed a program to allow
				for online QI Report
				submissions and tracking of
				those reports. We anticipate
				that the system will be
				operational at the beginning
				of 2018. This system is
				designed to speed the
				evaluation of submissions.
				2018 Due to a serious illness
				of the
				Eurekamediadesign.com staff,
				this project has been delayed
				indefinitely.
				2020/2021 This project is once
				again under reviewed to allow
				provider liaisons to submit
				QIPs Reports electronically in a
				standardized format.
				2022 - Currently draft QIP
				Templates are being trialed
				with a limited number of
				agencies. Still improving

				submission percentages each quarter.
Goal 1 (continued)	Consistent review of provider hospital quality improvement reports to identify trends and capture provider and hospital recommendation	NCEMS EMS Coordinator, Provider QI Liaisons, Base Hospital PCNCs	Provider QI Liaisons, Hospital PCMDs/PCNCs, NCEMS Executive Director, NCEMS Medical Director, Executive Assistant	90% review of provider and hospital QI Reports Due to limited staff time, and time required to solicit late reports, unable to review all submissions. Approximate review of50% of submitted reports. 2017 Reviews continue to be approximately 50% due to time limitation. As described above, the system for online submission should allow those submissions to be reviewed more quickly. 2018 No change in the status of this objective. Fully reviewing all submissions remains a challenge due to limited available staff time. 2019 No change from previous year. Most submissions are reviewed. There may be opportunities to share in the review of submissions with the NCEMS EOA Oversight Officer once the EOA Contract is completed and signed by the Humboldt County EOA providers. 2020/2021 Limited submissions of quarterly reports from agencies and hospitals. Numerous hurdles and staff storages due to COVID

				responses. 100% of submissions were reviewed. 2022 – Quarterly reports are being received from almost all agencies and hospitals every quarter. Streamlining submission formats will assist with agencies and hospitals in meeting this goal 100% of the time.
Goal 1 (Continued)	Consistent re- evaluation of provider and hospital QI plans	NCEMS EMS Coordinator, Provider QIP Liaisons, Hospital PCNCs	Re-submission of QI Plan Updates by Provider Liaisons and Hospital PCNCs to Regional EMS Coordinator as needed.	Annual 100% internal review and revision of provider and base hospital QI Plan Updates by provider QI Liaisons and Hospitals PCNCs toinclude provider and hospital specific indicators Currently working with PHP web designerto implement an onlinesystem for provider and hospital plan revision. 2017 Have initiated soliciting QI Plan resubmissions using the Online QI Plan Assistant developed with Eurekamediadesign.com. This system, designed in collaboration with other LEMSA QI representatives, is nowavailable for use by other interested LEMSAs. 2018 NCEMS has used recent QI Focused reviews to concentrateon implementing measures to address and mitigate medications shortages. Further work on provider QI Plan revisions

		should recommence in the first half of this fiscal year. 2019 Due to priority being given to Stroke and other QI considerations, QI Focused Reviews have been directed towards these. 2020/2021 This project is once again under review to assist providers and hospitals in their QI submissions. Medication shortages continue to exist throughout the region and State. 2022-Providers are encouraged to expand their basic QIP Templates and expand their QIP programs. NCEMS encourages agencies and hospitals to expand on any area
		of interest that is identified as an area needed improvement or of interest.

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review Committee	Reporting Method/Target Audience	Metric
Goal 2 Provide and/or promote QI educational opportunities toEMS system participants	Provide and/or promote training in QI principles, the development of QI indicators, and root cause analysis to NCEMS provider agencies.	Regional EMS Coordinator Updates at MAC – Humboldt-Del Norte County and EMCC – LakeCounty	Regional EMS Coordinator, Executive Director, Provider and Base Hospital QI verbal updates at meetings as needed. Regular written reports of the QIP Reports can be requested.	Periodic QI training/orientation for Provider and Hospital QI Liaisons QI orientation for Base Hospital PCNCs 2020/2021 NCEMS summarized the overall QIP processes at MAC and Lake EMCC meetings. 2022 - Informal (one on one) training is ongoing with agencies and hospitals.

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review Committee	Reporting Method/Target Audience	Metric
Goal 3 Promote the use of routine provider and hospital specific quality indicators	Verify that providers and hospitals include relevant quality indicators in their periodic QIP Reports	Committee of Provider QIP Coordinators and Hospital PCNCs for each county facilitated by Regional EMS Coordinator.	Report to NCEMS Executive and NCEMS EMS Coordinator with updates to the MAC, Lake EMCC and Governing Board as needed.	Periodic or as needed QI Committee meeting to review current provider and hospital goals and associated quality indicators Have asked all provider and hospital QIP liaisons to create a "quality indicator" using a standardized template developed for this purpose. 2017 Due to time and resource constraints, have not been able to provide QI training. In lieu of such training, have employed a strategy of pairing EMS provider agency QIP representatives with their base hospital counterparts (PCNCs) in the development of provider specific data indicators. This program has proven effective where adopted. Will continue to encourage use of this "buddy system" to promote greater provider facility with the development of data indicators. 2018 This project was initiated last yearand will continuethis year. 2019 Due to priority being given to Stroke and other QI considerations, QI Focused

	Reviews have been directed towards these. 2020/2021 Staff turnover has made developing training programs difficult. NCEMS provided QIP orientation at MAC and Lake EMCC meetings. NCEMS continues to review all cases STEMI and Critical Trauma and reviews selected cases in disclosure protected meetings. 2022 – Facilities are
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	consistently providing QIP reports with accurate and relevant information

Goal Agency. Review or create alternative models to enhance the processes to issue certifications and streamline Agency operations. Review or create alternative models to enhance the processes to issue certifications and streamline Agency operations. Rejonal EMS Coordinator NCEMS Executive Director, and Regional EMS Coordinator NCEMS Executive Director, and R					
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1	Improve the capabilities and efficiency of the Agency.	alternative models to enhance the processes to issue certifications and streamline Agency	Executive Assistant	and Regional EMS	enhancements to the certification processes such as: eliminating the PCMD signature. 2020/2021 online options were reviewed but are not needed at this time. Current certification/accreditation/FTO approval processes usually take 3-working days, the timeline can be speeded up if needed, and this timeline exceeds many other LEMSAs and the EMSA. Additional process efficiency mechanisms have been discussed and input solicited at MAC and Lake EMCC meetings. Policy updates are underway to drop the PCMD signature. 2022 -Applications for all levels of certifications and accreditation applications are routinely processed under 5 days. Electronic submission for some documentation has

Goal Objectives/Activities Topic QIP Review Reporting	Materia
Committee Method/Target Audience	Metric
processes procedures sent to NCEMS Medical Director and Executive Director for finalapproval, including, revised and new policies. Provider Q1 Provider Q1 Provider Q2 A group of it and provide assembled. Clinical Polit tasked with and or vided meetings with individuals. 2017 but to contractor a policy reviee notmeet in final as of july 20 conducting it policy reviee the contract re-initiating committee with contract re-initiating committee value of the provider Q2018 The NC Policy Reviee continues to contract or a policy reviee the contract re-initiating committee with contract re-initiating committee value of the provider Q1 Provider Q1	ive group of liaisons and NCs for clinical we interested PCNCs er liaisons was The NCEMS icy Contractor was a arranging m tele o conference with these or interruptions in availability, the ew committee did fiscal 2016-17, but 017, have been internal to NCEMS ew meetings with tor with a focus on g a policy review with regionwide on. Corth Coast EMS ew Committee eeting last year. Ittee meets ia zoom. Corth Coast EMS ew Committee of meet regularly ipants from all

	2020/2021 Administrative policies and QI policies have been heavily reviewed by the agencies. Multiple policies were updated and finalized. Policy Review Committee meetings were put on hold due to the pandemic and staff turnover. Additional efficiencies are under review such as earlier clinical review by the Regional Medical Director and administrative review by the Executive Director 2022- Policy revision has continued over the the last year. Policy Review has
	continued over the last
	continued via email and Dropbox due to time
	constraints on needing to cover multiple policies.

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review Committee	Reporting Method/Target Audience	Metric
Goal 6 Continue to approve and monitor EMS educational offerings and increase NCEMS educational offerings as staff time and funding allow.	As staff time and funding allow, sponsor, or conduct EMS classes, seminars, panels, speakers or conferences that offer CEUs.	NCEMS Associate Director, Regional EMS Coordinator, ExecutiveDirector, Medical Director	NCEMS Governing Board, NCEMS regional provider agencies, posted on NCEMS Web Site	Periodic NCEMS sponsored educational opportunities conducted as staff time and funding allows. NCEMS currently approves numerous regional educational offerings. 2019 Conducted the annual EMSC Conference where CEs were provided. Also provided Public Safety First Aid course in Lake and Humboldt County and CE hours were available if needed. 2020/2021 Due the COVID pandemic educational offering were placed on hold. NCEMS continued to share other online seminars with all agencies with several very good programs provided excellent educational opportunities. The Regional Medical Director and Executive Director participated as lecturers in the virtual EMSA Trauma Summit 2022 In person educational opportunities are slowly returning to all regions. Agencies are offering inhouse trainings frequently to their employees. The Executive Director participated as a lecturer in the 2022 Trauma

		Summit. Staff and contractors participated in statewide educational seminars, and North Coast EMS and
		Humboldt County sponsored a
		medical disaster training program.

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review Committee	Reporting Method/Target Audience	Metric
Goal 7 Promote EMS initiatives to ensure EMS system access to the spectrum of all regional geographical and cultural communities.	Seek input from representative s of geographical and cultural communities as staff time and funding allow.	NCEMS Executive Director, Regional EMS Coordinator	NCEMS Governing Board, NCEMS region provider agencies, local EMS Committees, posted on NCEMS Web Site	Establishment and maintenance of a list of representatives of geographical and cultural communities willing to offer input in regard to EMS system access issues. NCEMS participated in an eight-year federal EMSC grant with UDCMC that reached out to numerous geographical and cultural groups. This effort was discontinued after the grant ended. Additional state funding and increased staff time is needed to continue this effort.
	Identify and address the unmet needs of pediatric and medical fragile populations	NCEMS Associate Director, EDAP Contractor, Executive Director, Medical Director, EMS stakeholders.	NCEMS Governing Board, NCEMS region provider agencies, posted on NCEMS Web Site	NCEMS has a several decades long robust EMS for Children program, with a EMSA approved EMSC Plan, seven designated EDAPs, ongoing site surveys, and EDAP Trust Fund that has provided over \$240,000 in funding of pediatric beneficial equipment, supplies, training etc. to EDAPs. During the 8-year long EMSC grant with UCDMC, pediatric needs were assessed and many EMSC System enhancements were implemented. This effort was summarized in a recently

			published peer reviewed
Manitan and and	NCCMCD 1 CMC	Continue to an anito a state	paper.
Monitor national and	NCEMS Regional EMS	Continue to monitor state	Periodic query for
state community	Coordinator, Executive	Community Paramedic	input/recommendation from
paramedic initiatives		draft regulations and	North Coast EMS
local compatibilities	MAC Del Norte and	report as needed to the	stakeholders.
	Humboldt County	regional EMS	NCEMS Associate Director met
	EMCC – Lake County	stakeholders, Governing	quarterly with statewide QI
		Board.	Coordinator group.
		Pending outcome of the	Discussions included such
		final regulatory process,	initiatives. No formal query
		reassess feasibility	completed at this time due to
			limited staff time.
			2017 Have continued to
			monitor pilot projects. Have
			supported the development of
			a Lake County
			multidisciplinary initiative to
			reduce use of the 911 system
			through patient datasharing.
			2018 The Associate Director
			continues tomonitor and
			support the Lake County
			"Wellness Roadmap"
			initiative.
			2019 The Lake County
			"Wellness Roadmap" has
			completed its deliverables.
			2020/2021 NCEMS has
			participated and comments on
			the current Community
			Paramedicine regulations
			currently in draft. At this
			time, these draft regulations
			seem unfeasible for this rural
			region.
			2022 NCEMS has continued to
			seek out programs that allow

		paramedics to utilize expanded scope of practices
		within their respective communities. NCEMS has supported agencies seeking to
		work with county programs within their scope of practice.

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review Committee	Reporting Method/Target Audience	Metric
Improve NCEMS,	Create a management module for North Coast EMS	North Coast EMS Coordinator, Jay Myhre, Administrative Secretary.	NCEMS Executive Director and Medical Director	An intuitive PCR report/query module similar to the EPCIS management module that can be accessed by North Coast EMSstaff. This initiative was pursued under a grant, but thus far the cost of adoptingdata interface with the PCR program used locally has proven prohibitive. Requests for such a system continue to be made by NCEMSregion EMS providers and hospitals. 2017 Have received representatives of other PCR programs to initiate a community wide discussion about adopting one or more alternative PCR systems that may better serve local needs and practices. 2018 The cost of alternative PCR systems have proven prohibitive and NCEMS is exploring more cost-effective ways of preforming data analysis using our current system and innovations suggested by Redwood MedNet. 2019 North Coast EMS has entered into a tentative agreement with some regional

		providers which will help to
		sustain NCEMS access to
		regional PCR data through
		ICEMA's ImageTrend. North
		Coast EMS continues to
		explore other options.
		2020/2021 North Coast EMS
		implemented a volume-based
		fee schedule with all agencies
		who transport patients within
		the NCEMS region. All but one
		agency has reimbursed
		NCEMS for the cost of
		accessing our current data
		platform. NCEMS for years
		has utilizes the contract
		services of Jay Myhre to
		develop canned state required
		other EMS System reports and
		is usually immediately
		available by request to make
		new data queries. Our
		Regional EMS Coordinator is
		also continuing to learn how
		to access PCR data as well. We
		also have direct contractor
		access to the State Trauma
		Registry and can match field
		and hospital data. We
		participate in the CARES
		program and collect and
		review STEMI Center outcome
		data as well.
		2022-
		The Regional EMS Coordinator
		continues to learn how to
		generate and submit state
		reports as well and working to
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			validate data reports. When working with all agencies, the
			Regional EMS Coordinator has
			set up report writers for
			providers needs and audits
			that they wish to create in
			house. Much improvement
			has occurred with outside
			agencies providing outcome
			reports for field personnel.
Create a management	North Coast EMS, Regional	NCEMS Executive Director	An intuitive PCR report/query
module for Providers and	EMS Coordinator, Jay	and Medical Director	module similar to the EPCIS
Hospitals	Mayhre IT Contractor,		management module that can
	MAC – Humboldt and Del		be accessed by NCEMS PCNCs
	Norte and EMCC- Lake		and Provider QIP Liaisons and
	County.		NCEMS is exploring more
			cost-effective ways of
			preforming dataanalysis using
			our current system and innovations suggested by
			Redwood Med Net
			2020/2021 All agencies have
			the option to utilize other PCR
			programs and those programs
			are compatible with the
			current data platform that
			NCEMS utilizes. NCEMS IT
			contractor and the Regional
			EMS Coordinator have worked
			together to more efficiently
			and effectively run audit
			reports and data queries.
			2022
			Working with area hospitals
			to access their own data
			reports within the hospital
			hub of the data system. Most
			are doing well at accessing

		field charts and providing
		patient outcomes to their
		respective agencies. NCEMS
		continues to work with out of
		the area hospitals to provide
		PCRs when patients are flown
		from scene to out of the area
		facilities.

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review Committee	Reporting Method/Target Audience	Metric
Goal 9 Identify and address potential patient care record security and confidentiality threats	Confer with IFT on security and confidentiality issues	NCEMS Executive Director, Regional EMS Coordinator, Administrative Assistant	NCEMS Governing Board	A synopsis of LEMSA PCR security and confidentiality best practices or EMSAAC recommendation Awaiting further EMSAAC action to address with issue. 2017 No change. 2018 No change. 2019 No Change. 2020/2021 North Coast EMS has increased server security with our IT contractor, utilizes encryption emails for patient confidential QI review, and utilizes Evidence Code Section 1157.7 to disclosure protect ion QI related meetings. We also have increased reference to 1157.7 in our QIP correspondence. 2022 No changes from previous years.

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review Committee	Reporting Method/Target Audience	Metric
Goal 10 Ensure ready access to regional EMS information for EMS system participants	Issue periodic Informational Mailings, and/or convene Policy Review Committee meetings, utilize the website, and assess other ways to ensure information access.	NCEMS Executive Assistant Regional EMS Coordinator	Executive Director	An Informational Mailing issued quarterly. 2020/2021 Mobile app identified and shared with the region. 2022 reviewing additional methods of notification on the website with automatic notifications of updated policies.
	Include an explanatory synopsis of all included policy changes in each Informational Mailing	NCEMS Regional EMS Coordinator, Executive Assistant	Executive Director	A current policychange synopsisincluded with each Informational Mailing 2017 Anticipated beginning in 2018 with future policy changes afterreview by the policy reviewcommittee. 2019 A policy change synopsis was provided tosystem participants after the Fall Policy Review Committeemeeting. 2020/2021 Policy change synopsis is still provided to the system but is not effective in reaching the prehospital personnel. NCEMS is reviewing adding a "Change Policy" that will be accessible on the website as well as the mobile site. 2022 Change policy still a work in progress. Mobile site

Update the North Coast	NCEMS Administrative		is very responsive and updates frequently. NCEMS website updated
EMS website within one month of issuing an Informational Mailing	Assistant, Regional EMS Coordinator, , Web Site Contractor		within one month of issuing an Informational Mailing 2017 Anticipated beginning in 2018 with future policy changes after review by the policy review committee. 2019 This goal has been achieved. 2020/2021 Currently any policy that is finalized by the Medical Director and Executive Director is signed and posted to the website within 24 to 48 hours of final approval.
Publish the policy change explanatory synopsis on the North Coast EMS website within one month of issuing policy changes	NCEMS Administrative Assistant, Regional EMS Coordinator	NCEMS Governing Board, NCEMS region provider agencies, regional base hospitals, posted on NCEMS Web Site	Current policy change synopses published on the NCEMS website within one month of issuing an Informational Mailing 2017 Anticipated beginning in 2018 with future policy changes after review by the policy review committee. 2019 We anticipate this goal will be achieved in 2020. 2022 Policy website is updated prior to any information mailing or emails being sent to providers and hospitals.

EM pos	nsure that all regional AS related meetings are osted on the North Coast AS Calendar	NCEMS Administrative Assistant, Regional EMS Coordinator	NCEMS Governing Board, NCEMS region provider agencies, regional base hospitals, posted on NCEMS Web Site	All regional EMS related meetings posted on the online NCEMS EMS Calendar 2017 not yet attempted due to the prioritization of the policy review committee. 2019 This goal has been Achieved 2020/2021 This goal is being met 2022 This goal is being met.
poi	outinely verify that the olicy manual and web te are synchronized	NCEMS Administrative Assistant, Regional EMS Coordinator	NCEMS Executive Director, Associate Director, Regional EMS Coordinator, Administrative secretary	Annual review to verify that policy manual and website are synchronized. 2017 Need to return to this objective in 2018. 2019 This goal has been achieved. 2020/2021 This goal is currently being maintained 2022 This goal is being maintained.
Coo Da	outinely post North past EMS regional Core ata Indicator results on orth Coast EMS website	NCEMS Administrative Assistant, Regional EMS Coordinator	Executive Director	Annual update of NCEMS regional Core Data Indicators posted to NCEMS website Not initiated due to staff change at NCEMS (new Administrative Assistant) 2017 Not accomplished due to need to questions regarding the reliability of these results after a region wide focused review indicated that results may not reflect actual field practice. Compilation of core indicators complicated by transitions between NEMSIS versions.

	2018 As yet NCEMS has not
	been able to send this year's
	core measures results to
	EMSA due to concerns
	regarding data validity.
	2019 While there has been
	continuing improvement to
	the Core Indicators in past
	years, we have determined
	that we should wait to post
	any data until we can post
	results that more accurately
	communicate the quality of
	care being provided by our
	region's EMS providers.
	2020/2021 Core Data
	indicators are regularly
	reviewed and verified by the
	Regional EMS Coordinator and
	results being emailed to all
	listed parties. Elements of the
	Core data provided by the
	state have been run at the
	LEMSA level identifying
	agencies and paramedics with
	those results sent back to the
	agencies for review. That
	information is not currently
	available on the website, but is
	available by request.
	2022 Core Data indicators are
	regularly reviewed and
	verified by the Regional EMS
	Coordinator. Core Data
	elements are now available on
	the North Coast EMS website.

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review Committee	Reporting Method/Target Audience	Metric
Goal 11 Adopt forthcoming EMS for Children state regulations when available to ensure hospital and provider compliance with national and state EMS for Children standards	Continue Emergency Dept Approved for Pediatric (EDAP) designations and transition to new state standards when available.	NCEMS Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics Nurse Coordinator, Executive Director, Medical Director, Associate Director, Program Manager	NCEMS Governing Board, Executive and Medical Directors, NCEMS region provider agencies, regional EDAPS	Verification that NCEMS required equipment includes EMSC standards, verify that ED physician and nursing staff receive pediatric CEUs, and designated EDAPs have a pediatric QI program. 2018 No change. EDAP site visits for continuing compliance conducted at St. Joseph Hospital and Redwood Memorial Hospital, completed June 2018 2019 EDAP site visits scheduled for Sutter Lakeside, Adventist Clearlake, Jerold Phelps, Mad River Community, and Sutter Coast Hospitals in March 2020. All hospitals were provided with pre- survey documentation tools for the scheduled site visit. 2020/2021 Five of seven EDAP site visits were completed in 2021 with finalize reviews completed in 2022. All hospitals met or exceeded the requirements to continue as EDAPs. The other two EDAPs will be surveyed next year. Five of the seven EDAPs completed the National Pediatric Readiness Surveys,

			and all have higher than average scores. 2022 Two hospitals requested to pause their programs due to lack of personnel and time constraints. Both are committed to maintaining their pediatric readiness.
Hospital PCNCs regularly provide pediatric specific Field Care Audits in coordination with assigned PdLNs.	NCEMS Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics Nurse Coordinator, Program Manager, Executive Director, Associate Director	NCEMS Governing Board, NCEMS region provider agencies, regional EDAPs and base hospitals, posted on NCEMS Web Site	All North Coast EMS PCNCs provide at least one pediatric specific FCA annually No change 2019 No change and will be verified at EDAP site survey visits. 2020/2021 EDAP site surveys were completed in 2021 with all requirements met. 2022 -No change in trainings. All facilities continue to offer CEUs to their ED and prehospital personnel.

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review Committee	Reporting Method/Target Audience	Metric
Rationalize the care and transport of mental health emergency medical patients.	Identify EMS field and ED challenges in the assessment, treatment and transport of mental health patients	5150 Behavioral Health Specialist (contractor), NCEMS Executive Director, Medical Director, Regional EMS Coordinator	NCEMS Governing Board, Executive Director, NCEMS region provider agencies, regional base hospitals, posted on NCEMS Web Site	Develop and submit annual survey to EMS stakeholders to determine the needs confronting prehospital care providers and hospital EDs in the assessment, transport and treatment of 5150 patients. 2017 Continue Meeting monthly with the Medical Society, Mental Health & local hospitals to address issues as they arise. Meeting monthly with the nurse managers from local ER's, clinics. Law enforcement and mental Health Developing information on the 72 hour clock laws. Assessing the impact of minors in psychiatric crisis on the adult psych setting and the effect on ER's. 2018 Continue Meeting monthly with the Medical Society, Mental Health & local hospitals to address issues as they arise. Meeting quarterly with the nurse managers from local ER's, clinics. Law enforcement and mental Health Participating in the Medical Society's "small group" to develop collaborative pilot programs regarding when the

		72 hour clock starts, HSC 1799.111, ER MD designation
		criteria for eligibility to
		rescind 5150 holds and
		develop a collaborative pilot
		protocol for minors to be seen
		at ER by mental health mobile
		response teams to address the
		impact of minors in
		psychiatric crisis on the adult
		psych setting and the effect on ER's
		2019 Continue to meet
		monthly with the Medical
		Society, Behavioral Health &
		local hospitals to address
		issues as they arise.
		Chair & meet quarterly with
		the nurse managers from local
		ER's, clinics. Law enforcement
		and Behavioral Health.
		Participating in the Medical
		Society's "small group"
		continued development of
		collaborative policy/programs
		defining when the 72 hour
		clock starts, training programs
		on HSC 1799.111, ER MD 5150
		writing designation
		certification training as well
		as, collaborative pilot protocol
		for minors to be seen at ED by
		behavioral health mobile
		response teams to address the
		impact of minors in
		psychiatric crisis on the adult
		psych setting and the effect on ED.

			2020/2021 NCEMS with leadership our contractor continues to be actively involved with local, regional,
			and statewide Behavioral Health/EMS collaborations, has conducted regular meetings, many COVID
			related, developed, and maintained a 5150 Handbook, worked to increase
			efficiencies and cooperation to help offload 5150 patients from the crowded EDs with
			few available beds statewide and transportation challenges. 2022 -NCEMS continues to work with our contactor who
			is actively involved with all aspects of the needs of those patients in crisis. She
	E4F0 G NGFMG	NOTING C	continues to pursue as potential resources for the regions' needs.
Update as needed reference materials regarding the clinical an legal framework for assessment, treatment and transport of mental health patients	5150 Specialist, NCEMS Executive Director, Medical Director,	NCEMS Governing Board, Executive Director, Public and Behavioral Health, NCEMS region provider agencies, regional base hospitals, posted on NCEMS Web Site	Update reference materials designed to support EMS and ED personnel in the assessment, transport and treatment of 5150 patients. 2017 Continue to Update NCEMS 5150 web guide
neutai putients		NGLIND WED SILE	annually & as needed. Created a standardized Medical Clearance form for admittance to designated psych facility document. Piloted for 3 months with success. Now in review for revisions. Plan to

		Assist Detox & Jail with creating medical clearance forms for their facilities. Assisting ER's with information on teleposychiatrist's ability to treat & process to enable them to lift in the person can be properly served without being detained. 2018 Continue to Update in the NCEMS 5150 web guide in the manually & as needed. Medical clearance form for admittance to designated psych facility document successfully piloted, now in full effect. Jail medical clearance completed. Assisting ER's with information and being the bridge of collaboration between MH, ER, EMS & Law Enforcement. The segarding WIC 5150 HOLDS 2019 Continue to Update in the NCEMS 5150 web guide in the latter weekly with Behavioral Health and in. Update bi- annually & orn, the Medical Clearance form for admittance to designated psych facility
		orn, the Medical Clearance

			Attend Humboldt Overdose Prevention meetings. 2020-21 See above 2022 – Ongoing and activity assisting BH, EDs, EMS and Law enforcements regarding mental health patients.
Promote education for the EMS community regarding the optimal assessment, treatment and transport of 5150 patients	5150 Specialist, NCEMS Executive Director, Medical Director, Associate Director	NCEMS Governing Board, Executive Director, Public and Behavioral Health, NCEMS region provider agencies, regional base hospitals, posted on NCEMS Web Site	Promote training opportunities for EMS responders in Del Norte/Humboldt County and Lake County. 2017 Created 5150 training videos for each of the 3 counties to be accessible any time. Held Field Care Audit trainings on medical clearance, and medical detox & 5150 Holds. Educate staff at monthly Medical Advisory Committee meetings, as well as field emails, & questions as they come in. Have trainings scheduled for 2018. Plan to update videos yearly. 2018 Created training videos and links to the 5150 web guide following annual update. Created videos for each of the 3 counties to be accessible any time. Held Field Care Audit trainings on medical clearance, and medical detox & 5150 Holds. Educate staff at monthly Medical Advisory Committee and Medical Society meetings, as well as field emails, &

	questions as they come in. Plan to update videos yearly. 2019 Continue creating & updating of training videos as well as, links to the 5150 web guide following annual update. Create videos for each of the 3 counties to be accessible any time with multiple devices via a new collaborative platform (ispring) linking tests results directly to Behavioral health dept in each individual county. Educate staff at monthly Medical Advisory Committee and Medical Society meetings, as well as Nurse managers &

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review Committee	Reporting Method/Target Audience	Metric
Goal 13 Participation in assessment and identification of collaborative opportunities to address and resolve IFT delays	Participate in discussions, meetings to assess and reduce IFT delays, particularly of urgent transfers.	NCEMS Executive Director, Medical Director and Regional EMS Coordinator	NCEMS Governing Board, Public Health, NCEMS Region Provider Agencies Regional Base Hospitals	NCEMS continue to participate in Lake County Priority 1 and IFT meetings. Medical Director is now a call list option to assist with difficult transfer decisions in Lake County. NCEMS promoted revision of the Lake County Ambulance Ordinance to include consideration of IFT unit criteria. NCEMS coordinates or participates in the review of disclosure protected cases involving IFTs during TAC and other meetings. Rural IFT delays are an increasing problem in the State, particularly due to the pandemic, Emergency IFT reporting requirements incorporated into EMS Provider and Agreements and Base Hospital Contracts. 2017 North Coast EMS has contracted with a EOA Oversight Officer and is developing contracts for the EOA providers. 2018 This project was interrupted due to the contractor moving out of the Area unexpectedly. 2019 Lake County stakeholders undertook to

	establish universally understood data points to better evaluate system IFT performance. This project is
	ongoing. 2020-2021 See above. 2022- No action taken
	pending full Humboldt County EOA implementation.

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review	Reporting Method/Target	Metric
		Committee	Audience	
Goal 14 Monitoring of key specialty care metrics - TRAUMA	Implement program and process for verification of trauma registry data entry	NCEMS Regional Trauma Nurse Contractor, Executive Director, Medical Director	Audience Executive Director	A process for verification of trauma center registry data entry 2017 completed trauma registry data submission from each trauma center to NCEMS and the State Trauma Registry for first quarter in 2018. This requires continued coordination with Lancet Technologies and Digital Innovations, the vendors used by the trauma hospitals for their registries. 2018 No change in the status of this objective. Fully reviewing all submissions remains a challenge due to interface issues with the state trauma registry and limited available staff time. 2019 No change in matrix expectation. The NCEMS Regional Trauma Nurse Contractor has access to all four trauma center's data (Sutter Coast, Mad River Community, St Joseph, and Sutter Lakeside Hospitals) as well as the CA EMSA trauma data bank. Challenges still exist with continuity of data entered into the local hospital registries and export of that

compliance with North Coast EMS policies specific Ex	ICEMS Regional Trauma Jurse Contractor, Executive Director, Medical Director	Governing Board	there is ongoing improvement and focus in this area. Time is still very limited for the review of the data by the NCEMS Regional Trauma Nurse Contractor. 2020/2021 No change in matrix expectation. The NCEMS Regional Trauma Nurse Contractor has access to all four trauma center's data as well as the CA EMSA (CEMSIS) trauma data bank. Access and export issues have resolved for all four trauma centers. Nurse Contractor's hours are insufficient to routinely review the data. See Trauma Plan Update 2022 - No changes see above 2017 completed update of policy #7000 - Triage Determination and Transport Destination Policy, specific to each trauma center. Additional policies, #7001-7006 to be reviewed and updated in 2018, with coordination from TAC team members. 2018 No change in the status of this objective. Policies 7001-7006 will need to be updated in 2019. 2019 No change in matrix expectation. Policy 7000 was twice updated to reflect national standards and
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		current practice in the NCEMS
		region. Policies 7001 – 7006
		will need further review and
		specifically, 7001 and 7005
		will need to be updated in
		2020.
		2020/2021 No change in
		matrix expectation. Policy
		7000 was again reviewed and
		updated to reflect updates in
		the NCEMS Trauma System,
		specifically the change of Mad
1		River Community Hospital
		reducing its designation status
		to a basic Level IV Trauma
		Center, thereby requiring a
		change of destination for the
		most critical trauma patients
		to go directly to the higher-
		level Trauma Center at
		Providence St Joseph Hospital
		– Eureka, a Level III
		designated Trauma Center
		with full-time Orthopedics and
1		near full-time Neurosurgical
		coverage. A new policy for rapid Re-
1		triage was established and
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1		tracking and trending of events that fit the direction of
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1		that policy are ongoing. Plan
1		for the current additional
1		trauma policies to be
		consolidated in 2022 due to
		redundancy.
		See Trauma Plan Update
1		2022- Consolidation of trauma
		policies are still pending.

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Improve oversight and	NCEMS Trauma	NCEMS Governing Board	2017- Currently trending
assurance of internal	Contractor, Executive		patient demographics, ISS,
performance	Director, Medical Director		injury type and patient
improvement			outcomes/dispositions.
requirements of			Continue in 2018 to work with
designated Trauma			trauma center representatives
Centers			and TAC team members to
			establish and enhance QI and
			case review processes. Will
			conduct quarterly data review
			and sharing with TPMs to
			increase familiarity with report
			development and facilitate
			accuracy of data.
			2018 No change in the status
			of this objective. This
			continues to be a challenge
			due to technical issues with
			Lancet Trauma Registry and
			lack of access to Digital
			Innovations Trauma Registry.
			Pending JPA resolution of
			annual fees to fund Trauma
			Nurse Contractor time is
			necessary to coordinate
			quarterly data review/TAC
			meetings and evaluate the
			data.
			2019 No change in matrix
			expectation. The Humboldt-
			Del Norte County TAC
			meetings were held quarterly
			in February, May, August, and
			November. No TAC meetings
			were convened in Lake County
			due to time constraints and
			multiple personnel turnovers
			at Sutter Lakeside Hospital.

	Quarterly data review is being
	completed by the NCEMS
	Regional Trauma Nurse
	Contractor and shared with
	the JPA, as well as with the
	individual trauma centers.
	Sutter Lakeside has an
	antiquated trauma registry
	program and is working
	towards updating that
	program in order to collect
	and
	report out meaningful data.
	Key standards being evaluated
	each quarter are:
	1. Time of patient's hospital
	arrival to data entry in the
	hospital registry, with a goal
	of 80% of charts entered
	within 60 days.
	2. Export of local hospital
	trauma data to the CA EMSA
	trauma registry (CEMSIS),
	with a goal of quarterly
	submission, exporting data
	from the previous quarter.
	3. Accuracy of entering trauma
	patient data into the local
	hospital trauma registry,
	using the NTDS algorithm as
	a standardized tool, in order
	to collect true and similar
	data between the Trauma
	Centers.
	2020/2021 No change in
	matrix expectation. The
	Humboldt-Del Norte County
	and Lake TAC meetings were
	and have the meetings were

	held quarterly. Sutter
	Lakeside Hospital has updated
	their Trauma registry to
	reflect the same data
	collection points as Sutter
	Coast Hospital and is now able
	to review data and plan
	appropriate PI interventions.
	The key standards from 2019
	are still being reported out at
	quarterly TAC meetings by
	Trauma Centers in all three
	counties.
	See Trauma Plan Update
	2022- Please see above

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Goal 15	Improve NCEMS	NCEMS STEMI Contractor,	NCEMS Governing Board	The identification of a set of
Monitoring of key	access to STEMI data	Executive Director,	as needed.	ImageTrend/NEMSIS data
specialty care metrics -	within the ImageTrend	Medical Director,		elements relevant to STEMI
STEMI	database			2017 Due to staff constraints
				and challenges with
				ImageTrend, unable to utilize
				ImageTrend at this time.
				2019 We continue to work with
				the challenges presented by
				staff constraints and
				ImageTrend.
				2020/2021 STEMI contractor,
				Regional EMS Coordinator and
				the STEMI receiving center
				have developed a system to
				facilitate prehospital
				information to the STEMI team
				in real time. Image Trend was
				able to provide a work sheet to
				the STEMI contractor to assist
				her in working with the CARES
				program.
				2022- STEMI contractor
				continues to submit data to the
				CARES program and provides
				oversite for ongoing STEMI
	Refine and expand the	NCEMS STEMI Contractor,	NCEMS Governing Board	program for NCEMS. A set of STEMI Indicators to be
	STEMI indicators used by	Executive Director,	as needed.	generated at least quarterly.
	NCEMS to assess STEMI	Medical Director, Associate	as necueu.	2017 STEMI Receiving Center
	care at designated STEMI	Director		collects data on all key STEMI
	Receiving Centers	Director		indicators
	• Time of first			2019 STEMI Receiving Center
	medical contact			collets data on all key STEMI
	to ECG			indicators
	to Ecu			marcacors

 Advance hospital notification for suspected STEMI Scene time for suspected STEMI Fransport of suspected TEMI to PCI hospital 			2020/2021 STEMI receiving center continues to collect data on all key STEMI indicators. 2022: Convened periodic STEMI/Stroke meetings in Humboldt/Del Norte (with case and data review) and reported in Lake. See STEMI Plan Update.
rack provider ompliance with STEMI eporting requirements	NCEMS STEMI Contractor, Executive Director, Medical Director, Associate Director	NCEMS Governing Board as needed.	A tracking system, with compliance metrics for NCEMS region transport agencies. 2019 STEMI Receiving Center submits required STEMI data to NCEMS for review on a quarterly basis. In addition, NCEMS reviews the minutes of STEMI Receiving Center inhouse STEMI review committee. 2020/2021 STEMI receiving Center continues to submit data to NCEMS for review on a quarterly basis. See above and STEMI Plan Update. 2022- see above no changes this year

Goal	Objectives/Activities	Topic QIP Review	Reporting Method/Target	Metric
		Committee	Audience	
Goal 16 Monitoring of key specialty care metrics - STROKE	Develop stroke system knowledge and awareness	NCEMS Executive Director, Medical Director, QI Coordinator	NCEMS Governing Board, NCEMS region provider agencies, regional base	Evaluation of Stoke education opportunities for NCEMS EMS personnel. (Using NCEMS
SIROKE		Coordinator	agencies, regional base hospitals	Quarterly Focused Review) 2017 No progress made on this goal due to competing priorities. 2018 No progress made on this goal due to competing priorities. 2019 – preliminary assessment of hospital stroke capabilities completed. 2020/2021 The forward movement for development of a Stroke receiving has been limited due to the ongoing pandemic. If additional state funding is secured and additional staff are hired, assess development of a formal Stroke System. 2022- Providence St Joseph of Eureka is moving forward with STROKE policies. NCEMS will update field policies if needed as the STROKE program moves forward. We also plan to develop a formal Stroke System pending other priorities, staff time and funding needs.

Statewide Core Indicators

North Coast EMS actively supports the California EMS Authority's data standardization efforts, and the establishment of measurable standardized indicators of quality EMS systems and patient care. North Coast EMS believes that the development of standards should be process driven. Successful standardized indicators will emerge from a process that prioritizes the full participation of all those agencies, institutions and individuals who must ultimately persuade other individual system participants of the value of the standardization goal. Meaningful, comparable system and patient care measures will be achieved most readily when those engaged in the activities being measured understand and appreciate the value of their participation. Meaningful indicators require a development process that anticipates ongoing adjustments as well as the refinement of the tools, such as uniform terminology and data sheets that conform to the data elements and values of a single standard (i.e. CEMSIS). Agencies, institutions and individuals will support a standardization process that they feel accommodates their priorities and respects their experience and the investment of their time and effort.

North Coast EMS continues to support state data collection initiatives and associated regulations. North Coast EMS notes that State core indicator conformance to the fields and values in the State required version of CEMSIS continues to improve.



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§ 100450.217. Annual EMSC Program Update. 22 CA ADC § 100450.217 BARCLAYS OFFICIAL CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

(a) The local EMS agency shall submit an annual update to its EMSC program as part of its annual EMS plan submittal, which shall include, at a minimum, all the following:

(1) Any changes in the EMSC program since submission of the prior annual EMS plan.

North Coast EMS has made the following changes to the EMS Plan, last submitted December 23, 2019:

- Employees: Louis Bruhnke, Associate Director, moved to a position at EMSA and his position was filled with Kayce Hurd, Regional EMS and Disaster Coordinator. Wendy Chapman was promoted to Associate Director. Maris Hawkins, Fiscal Manager, passed away since last submission and her position has been filled by Lee Hawkins.
- The federally funded (HRSA) EMS for Children grant, via subcontract with UCD-MC, expired after an eight year award in 2020.
- Regional Medical Director Ken Stiver, M/D., retired and was replaced by Matt Karp, M.D.

(2) The status of EMSC program goals and objectives.

North Coast EMS continues with the goals and objectives outlined in the 2019 Plan. Two of the goals have been met:

- "Conduct site surveys to five of the seven Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) (scheduled for March 2020) and for the additional two EDAPs the following year." This goal was partially met, as site surveys were conducted in November 2020 at Sutter Coast Hospital, Mad River Community Hospital, Jerold Phelps Hospital, Sutter Lakeside Hospital, and Adventist Health Clearlake Hospital. Providence St Joseph Hospital Eureka and Providence Redwood Memorial Hospital Fortuna EDAP site visits still need to be conducted and plan to schedule these for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- "Conduct trauma center site surveys to Sutter-Lakeside, St Joseph and Mad River between May and December 2020." Trauma designation site surveys were conducted in November 2020 at Sutter Lakeside Hospital, Providence St Joseph Hospital Eureka, and Mad River Community Hospital. Sutter Lakeside Hospital (Level IV) and Providence St Joseph Hospital Eureka (Level III) have been fully designated through 2023 by that process. Mad River Community Hospital (Level IV) has been probationally designated through 2023.

(3) A summary of the EMSC program performance improvement activities.

North Coast EMS has continued to partner to collect pediatric data through the prehospital submission of

data to the state database of CEMSIS and local and State trauma registry programs. Five out of seven North Coast EMS EDAP-designated hospitals participated in and provided data to the LEMSA by completing the National Pediatric Readiness survey. The review of this data shows that these five hospitals exceed the national average score of Emergency Departments with similar pediatric volume and the national average score of all participating hospitals, indicating excellent pediatric readiness, likely due to continued, successfully designated EDAP programs.

(4) Progress on addressing action items and recommendations provided by the EMS Authority within the EMSC program or Status Report approval letter, if applicable.

North Coast EMS did not receive any action items or recommendations provided by the EMS Authority upon receipt of the 2019 Plan.

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