

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 10, 2025

FROM

DANIEL MUÑOZ, Interim EMS Administrator, Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

SUBJECT

Contract Amendments with Local Hospitals for ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction Receiving Center Designation

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Acting as the governing body of the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency, approve revenue contract amendments with each of the hospitals listed below, extending the term by an additional three years from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, in which Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency shall continue to receive an annual fee, currently \$17,445, from each contract to offset the costs associated with designating these hospitals as a Cardiovascular ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction Receiving Center:

1. Desert Valley Hospital, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-522.**
2. Loma Linda University Medical Center, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-523.**
3. Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-524.**
4. San Antonio Regional Hospital, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-525.**
5. St. Bernardine Medical Center, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-526.**
6. St. Mary Medical Center LLC, **Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 20-527.**

(Presenter: Daniel Muñoz, Interim EMS Administrator, 388-5807)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The annual fee of \$17,445 paid by each hospital will cover the costs incurred by Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) related to the evaluation and oversight of the Cardiovascular ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) program. Revenue and appropriation from these contracts are included in ICEMA's 2025-26 recommended budget and will be included in future recommended budgets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ICEMA, as the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency, is responsible for ensuring effective EMS for the Counties of San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono. ICEMA administers State and local codes and regulations governing the provision of emergency medical care to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency and during transport to an acute care hospital. ICEMA ensures an effective system of quality patient care and coordinated emergency medical response by planning, implementing and evaluating an effective emergency medical services system including, pre-hospital providers, specialty care hospitals and hospitals.

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Approval of these contracts will allow the hospitals listed above to receive and provide care for STEMI (commonly understood as a heart attack) patients, as well as allow ICEMA to administer, monitor, evaluate, and provide continuous quality improvement programs of the implemented STEMI Care System.

On July 1, 2019, the State of California’s STEMI Critical Care System Regulations became effective. To align current STEMI Receiving Center Designation standards with State regulations, ICEMA updated its STEMI designation policy to reflect language from the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 7.1, STEMI Critical Care System.

Currently, ICEMA designates the following hospitals as ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction Receiving Centers: Desert Valley Hospital (DVH), Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC), Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center (PVHMC), San Antonio Regional Hospital (SARH), St. Bernardine Medical Center (SBMC), and St. Mary Medical Center LLC (SMMC). The designations are summarized below:

Hospital	Board Date	Item No.	Designation	Term
DVH	June 23, 2020	102	STEMI	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
LLUMC	June 23, 2020	102	STEMI	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
PVHMC	June 23, 2020	102	STEMI	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
SARH	June 23, 2020	102	STEMI	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
SBMC	June 23, 2020	102	STEMI	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
SMMC	June 23, 2020	102	STEMI	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
SMMC*	December 14, 2021	65	STEMI	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025

* Amendment to update the official name of the hospital.

The goal of designating STEMI Receiving Centers is to identify medical facilities that have an organized approach to treatment of STEMI patients with qualified staff and appropriate capabilities. EMS field personnel, who are specially trained to identify STEMI patients in the pre-hospital setting, can rapidly transport STEMI patients directly to designated centers for timely treatment. The data demonstrates that survival from a STEMI is largely dependent upon prompt recognition and transport to facilities demonstrating the ability and commitment to provide rapid care with the proper resources.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (John Tubbs II, Deputy County Counsel, 387-3203) on April 16, 2025; Risk Management (Gregory Ustaszewski, Staff Analyst II, 386-9008) on April 22, 2025; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404 May 22, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 23, 2025.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
San Bernardino County

APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, SECRETARY

BY 
DATED: June 10, 2025



cc: ICEMA - Munoz w/agrees
Contractor - c/o ICEMA w/agree
File - w/agree
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