

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-161

ADOPTING THE AMBULANCE SERVICES CONTRACT POLICY

On Tuesday August 22, 2023, on motion of Supervisor Baca, Jr., duly seconded by Supervisor Hagman and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency has been designated as the local emergency medical services (EMS) agency for San Bernardino County ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of California, by the County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5., Section 1797.200; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, Section 1797.204 requires the local EMS agency to plan, implement, and evaluate an EMS system consisting of an organized pattern of readiness and response services based on public and private agreements and operational procedures; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of this resolution are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the County Board of Supervisors, and shall not alter, modify, abridge, diminish, or enlarge the requirements for creating, establishing, or maintaining an exclusive operating area under Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5 Section 1797.224; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.230, the County Board of Supervisors is required to adopt, by ordinance or resolution, a written policy setting forth issues to be considered for the inclusion in any County exclusive operating area contract for emergency ambulance services entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.230, a county contract for emergency ambulance services is required to demonstrate that: a) the county contract will provide for the payment of comparable wages and benefits to all ambulance service employees that are generally consistent with those provided to ambulance service employees in the same geographic region, and b) that the staffing levels for ambulance service employees will be comparable to the staffing levels under the County's previous contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Any County contract for the provision of emergency ambulance services entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, or the procurement thereof, the following elements shall be considered for inclusion, as applicable:
1. Employment retention requirements for the employees of the incumbent ambulance service in the event of a new ambulance services contract or transition to a new ambulance service provider.
 2. Established minimum qualifications and documentation of credentials, including demonstrated experience serving similar populations and geographic areas.
 3. Diversity and equity efforts addressing the unique needs of vulnerable, underserved, and under-resourced populations in the service area.
 4. Financial requirements, including, but not limited to, insurance requirements and the provision of performance security (bond or irrevocable letter of credit).

