

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

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 10, 2025

FROM

DANIEL MUÑOZ, Interim EMS Administrator, Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency
ANDREW GOLDFRACH, Chief Executive Officer, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

SUBJECT

Contract Amendments with Local Hospitals for Stroke Receiving Center Designation

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. 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 an additional four years, from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, in which Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency shall continue to receive an annual fee, currently \$19,045, from each contract to offset the costs associated with designating these hospitals as Stroke Receiving Centers:
 - a. Desert Regional Medical Center, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-533.**
 - b. Kaiser Foundation Hospitals - Fontana, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-534.**
 - c. Kaiser Foundation Hospitals - Ontario, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-535.**
 - d. Loma Linda University Medical Center, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-536.**
 - e. Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-537.**
 - f. Redlands Community Hospital, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-538.**
 - g. San Antonio Regional Hospital, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-539 .**
 - h. St. Bernardine Medical Center, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-540 .**
 - i. St. Mary Medical Center LLC., **Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 20-541.**
 - j. Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, **Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 20-547.**
 - k. Hi-Desert Medical Center, **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-1208.**
2. Acting as the governing body of San Bernardino County, approve **Amendment No 2 to Memorandum of Understanding No 20-547** with the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency for Stroke Receiving Center Designation of Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, extending the term an additional four years, from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, in the current annual amount of \$19,045.

(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

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Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) expenditures in the amount of \$19,045 are funded by reimbursements from Medi-Cal, Medicare, private insurances, and other departmental revenue.

The current annual fee of \$19,045 paid by each hospital will cover the costs incurred by Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) related to the evaluation and oversight of the Stroke program. Revenue and appropriation from these contracts will be 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.

Approval of these amendments will allow the hospitals listed above to receive and provide care for stroke patients, as well as allow ICEMA to administer, monitor, evaluate, and provide continuous quality improvements to the implemented Stroke Care System.

On July 1, 2019, the State of California's Stroke Critical Care System Regulations became effective. To align current Stroke Receiving Center Designation standards with State regulations, ICEMA updated its stroke designation policy to reflect language from the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 7.2, Stroke Critical Care System. ICEMA has since recognized Stroke Receiving Centers as Acute Ready (ARSC), Primary (PSC), Thrombectomy-Capable (TCSC), and Comprehensive (CSC) Stroke Centers.

Currently, ICEMA designates the following hospitals as Stroke Receiving Centers; Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC), Hi-Desert Medical Center (HDMC), Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC), Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center (PVHMC), Kaiser Foundation Hospitals – Fontana (KFHF), Kaiser Foundation Hospitals - Ontario (KFHO), San Antonio Regional Hospital (SARH), St. Bernardine Medical Center (SBMC), St. Mary Medical Center LLC (SMMC), Redlands Community Hospital (RCH), and Bear Valley Community Healthcare District (BVCHC). The designations are summarized below:

Hospital	Board Date	Item No.	Designation	Term
DRMC	June 23, 2020	104	CSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
LLUMC	June 23, 2020	104	CSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
PVHMC	June 23, 2020	104	CSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
ARMC	June 23, 2020	118	PSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
KFHF	June 23, 2020	104	PSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
KFHO	June 23, 2020	104	PSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
SARH	June 23, 2020	104	PSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
SBMC	June 23, 2020	104	PSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025

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SMMC	June 23, 2020	104	PSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
RCH	June 23, 2020	104	TCSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
ARMC *	November 17, 2020	95	CSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
HDMC	December 8, 2020	47	ARSC	December 1, 2021 - June 30, 2025
SMMC **	December 14, 2021	65	PSC	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025
BVCHC	December 3, 2024	53	ARSC	December 3, 2024 - June 30, 2029

* Amendment to increase designation level.

** Amendment to update the official name of the hospital.

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

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; County Counsel (Charles Phan, Supervising Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on April 22, 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 Directors
Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA)

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, CLERK OF THE BOARD/SECRETARY

BY 
DATED: June 10, 2025



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