



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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

**June 9, 2020**

#### **FROM**

**THOMAS G. LYNCH, EMS Administrator, Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency**

#### **SUBJECT**

Emergency Medical Services Aircraft Medical Permits

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Acting as the governing body of the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency, authorize issuance of permits to the following entities to provide Emergency Medical Services Aircraft services for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

1. Mercy Air Service, Inc.
2. Mercy Air Service, Inc., doing business as Big Bear Fire Authority
3. San Bernardino County Sheriff
4. REACH Air Medical Services, doing business as REACH Air
5. REACH Air Medical Services, doing business as Sierra Lifeflight
6. State of California, doing business as California Highway Patrol - Inland Division Air Operations  
(Presenter: Thomas G. Lynch, EMS Administrator, 388-5830)

#### **COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

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

**Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.**

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Issuance of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Aircraft Medical Control permits to Mercy Air Service, Inc.; Mercy Air Service, Inc., dba Big Bear Fire Authority; San Bernardino County Sheriff; REACH Air Medical Services dba REACH Air; and REACH Air Medical Services dba Sierra Lifeflight; as promulgated by Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) Ordinance No. 17-01 and ICEMA Resolution No. 2017-42, is projected to generate revenue of approximately \$66,800 in 2020-21 for the recovery of costs directly associated with the provision of medical control for EMS Aircraft providers. This revenue is included in ICEMA's 2020-21 Recommended Budget.

No permit revenue will be received from the California Highway Patrol - Inland Division Air Operations as this provider is classified by the State EMS Authority, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Section 190288, and is statutorily exempt from providing cost recovery.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

ICEMA, as the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency, is responsible for planning and ensuring effective EMS for the Counties of San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono, and may include EMS Aircraft within its EMS Plan. 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 is requesting approval to issue EMS Aircraft Medical Control permits to Mercy Air Service, Inc.; Mercy Air Service, Inc., dba Big Bear Fire Authority; San Bernardino County Sheriff; REACH Air Medical Services dba REACH Air; Reach Air Medical Services dba Sierra Lifeflight; and the State of California, dba California Highway Patrol - Inland Division Air Operations; to provide EMS Aircraft services for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

On April 18, 2017 (Item No. 73), the ICEMA Board adopted Ordinance No. 17-01 pertaining to the medical control of EMS Aircraft services and providers within Inyo, Mono, and San Bernardino Counties. The ordinance established a revised permit policy and fee resolution related to EMS Aircraft provider authorization and requires Board approval to issue EMS Aircraft Medical Control permits. The policy outlines the requirements for authorization to provide EMS Aircraft services and established a mechanism of ensuring EMS providers meet established criteria for designation as an EMS Aircraft provider. ICEMA has determined that these six providers have submitted permit applications that meet established requirements including, but not limited to, the following:

- Compliance with the California EMS Aircraft Personnel Requirements
- Participation in ICEMA Electronic Patient Care Reporting Data System
- Compliance with ICEMA Policy No. 7010 - EMS Aircraft Standard Drug & Equipment List
- Compliance with all Federal, State, County and ICEMA laws, regulation, guidelines and policies

#### **PROCUREMENT**

Not applicable.

#### **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (John Tubbs II, Deputy County Counsel, 387-3203) on May 14, 2020; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on May 26, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Matthew Erickson, County Chief Financial Officer, 387-5423) on May 26, 2020.