



# County of El Dorado

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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Retroactive Agreement #7071 with Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Board Item 22-2017

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an explanation for the retroactive nature of Agreement #7071 with Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Metro Fire).

The County participates in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Supplemental Reimbursement Program (Program). California Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code § 14105.94, enacted October 2, 2011, authorized the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Services (GEMT) supplemental reimbursement program. This voluntary Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) based program provides additional funding to eligible governmental entities that provide GEMT services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. As a statutory requirement for participating in the Program, the County must have in place an agreement to reimburse the State of California, Department of Health Care Services (State) for the administrative costs of the program in order to receive supplemental Medi-Cal reimbursement. The State has contracted with Metro Fire to serve as the fiscal intermediary for the reimbursement of administrative costs.

The Program was on hold pending Federal approval from 2018, and the County was notified that the Program has been resumed on May 18, 2022. In order to receive funding from the Program, the County is required to enter into a funding agreement provided by Metro Fire, acting as the State fiscal intermediary.

Agreement #7071 is the funding agreement whereby the County agrees to reimburse the State for implementing and administering the Supplemental Reimbursement Program, with Metro Fire as the fiscal intermediary. The Agreement is not for the procurement or provisions of goods or services to the County.

The draft agreement was provided by Metro Fire on October 19, 2022, and contained a retroactive term with a commencement date of July 1, 2022. The agreement was sent to Procurement and contracts on October 28, 2022, and approved by County Counsel on December 22, 2022. Without this agreement in place, El Dorado County would not be eligible to receive additional reimbursement to provide ground emergency medical transportation services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Thank you for your consideration.