



Legislation Text

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Health Services Department recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign Agreement 009-111-P-N2010 with Barton Healthcare System for a term August 17, 2010 through August 16, 2013 for Base Hospital Services with no remuneration for services provided.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agreement; there is no remuneration required for these services.

Background: The County of El Dorado established an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System, pursuant to Health & Safety Code (H&S) § 1797.220 to provide basic life support medical services to the community. A part of the EMS System includes an Advanced Life Support (ALS) program in accordance with H&S §1797.52, which defines ALS as follows: "Advanced life support means special services designed to provide definitive prehospital emergency medical care, including, but not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation, advanced airway management, intravenous therapy, administration of specified drugs and other medicinal preparations, and other specified techniques and procedures administered by authorized personnel under the direct supervision of a *base hospital* as part of a local EMS system at the scene of an emergency, during transport to an acute care hospital, during interfacility transfer, and while in the emergency department of an acute care hospital until responsibility is assumed by the emergency or other medical staff of that hospital."

Barton Healthcare System has partnered with the County to provide Base Hospital support services to the community for the past several years and this Agreement renews the commitment of all parties to the provision of quality, timely, and effective ALS services.

Compensation for Services: There is no remuneration associated with this Agreement.

Contract Termination: The Agreement may be cancelled without cause by either party upon one hundred twenty (120) days written notice.

Retroactive Term: Renewal of this Agreement required significant review and collaboration among all parties to the process. Several iterations of the Agreement were required to ensure that the language accurately reflected both the services being provided and the environment in which those services would occur. The process extended beyond the time originally anticipated due to the complexity of the Agreement and limited staff resources available to handle associated research and follow-up work.

Reason for Recommendation: Approval of this Agreement will ensure that the ALS services in the County continue to be supported by Barton Healthcare System and that the community continues to receive quality and timely ALS services.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

1) Chair to sign three (3) original Agreements 009-111-P-N2010 with Barton Healthcare System;

- 2) Board Clerk's Office to return two (2) signed Agreements 009-111-P-N2010 with Barton Healthcare System to the Department; and
- 3) Department to process and distribute documents as appropriate.

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Concurrences: County Counsel & Risk Management