



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency, recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment 1 to Agreement for Services 146-O1310 with California Shock/Trauma Air Rescue (d.b.a. CALSTAR), for the assignment and transition to the newly formed company named CALSTAR Air Medical Services LLC thereby allowing ongoing provision of air ambulance transport services, with no change to the term. There is no remuneration associated with this Agreement 146-O1310; and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent, or designee, to execute further documents relating to Agreement for Services 146-O1310, including amendments which do not change the term of the Agreement, and contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

FUNDING: N/A

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

This Amendment 1 to Agreement for Services 146-O1310 will ensure the ongoing availability to Air Ambulance transport services in the County of El Dorado. Amendment 1 assigns all obligations and duties of California Shock/Trauma Air Rescue (CALSTAR) defined in 146-O1310 to the organization acquiring CALSTAR without lapse in services. This Agreement satisfies one of the requirements for an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency to integrate air transport into its prehospital patient transportation system in accordance with California Emergency Medical Services Law, Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, and California Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 9.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

The County of El Dorado EMS Agency is responsible for the implementation of Advanced Life Support (ALS) prehospital emergency medical services and medical transportation within its jurisdiction, including air ambulance transport services, in accordance with California Emergency Medical Services Law, Health and Safety Code, and California Code of Regulations. The Board of Supervisors approved the original Agreement with CALSTAR on February 26, 2013, File ID #13-0096, Item 8.

Effective September 1, 2016, CALSTAR will join REACH Air Medical Services, LLC under the corporate umbrella of REACH Medical Holdings, LLC. As of the effective date, operations will be transferred to a newly formed company named CALSTAR Air Medical Services LLC (CALSTAR Air). CALSTAR Air will take over all operations of CALSTAR including management, medical direction, employees and operating assets, including aircraft and medical equipment and supplies.

ALTERNATIVES:

Disapproval of Amendment 1 to Agreement for Services 146-O1310 will result in CALSTAR's inability to operate from their location in South Lake Tahoe thereby limiting or significantly delaying persons residing in or visiting the County of El Dorado access to air ambulance transportation services should they incur life-threatening injuries while in the County.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel and Risk Management.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve this item following the approval from Risk Management.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agenda item. There is no remuneration for services in this Agreement as CALSTAR directly invoices clients on a fee-for-service basis.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) Clerk of the Board to obtain signature of Chair on two (2) original Amendment 1 to Agreement for Services 146-O1310.
- 2) Clerk of the Board to return two (2) fully executed Amendment 1's to the HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road, who will obtain final signature and return one (1) fully executed original to Clerk of the Board Office.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

Health and Human Services Agency Strategic Plan Goal 3 - Program Effectiveness/Integration,
Project 3.5: Emergency Services

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