



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness and Response Division, recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement 4075 with Reach Medical Holdings, LLC, for the provision of emergency, advanced life support air ambulance dispatch and transport services within the County for the period of five years from the date of execution.

FUNDING: N/A-Contractor bills patients and insurance companies directly for services provided.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The EMS Agency, within the Chief Administrative Office, is responsible for the oversight of ALS prehospital emergency services and medical transportation within the County. This Agreement continues the relationship with Reach Medical Holdings (previously known as CalStar) for the provision of air ambulance transport services. Such services are necessary for time-sensitive critical patient transfers. The proposed agreement also includes a provision for contractor's clinical staff to provide services on critical ground transports with the County's ground transport providers when weather conditions will not permit flight. The contractor has completed all requirements to be a permitted ALS provider within the County.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to enter into this contract; however, this would result in no contracted air ambulance providers in the County.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

The current Agreement was approved by the Board on February 26, 2013 (Legistar File 13-0096).

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Health and Human Services began processing the Agreement before the EMS program was transferred to the Chief Administrative Office.

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact. The contractor bills patients and insurance companies directly for all services provided.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

The Clerk will obtain the Chair's signature on two originals and return one original to Michelle Patterson in the Chief Administrative Office, EMS and Emergency Preparedness Division.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Public Safety

CONTACT

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