

RESOLUTION NO. 22-137

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA
ADOPTING THE AMBULANCE SERVICES CONTRACT POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Ventura County EMS Agency has been designated as the local emergency medical services (EMS) agency for the County of Ventura ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of California, by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.200; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.204 requires the local EMS agency to plan, implement, and evaluate an EMS system consisting of an organized pattern of readiness and response services based on public and private agreements and operational procedures; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of this resolution are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the County Board of Supervisors, and shall not supersede Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.201 or alter, modify, abridge, diminish, or enlarge the requirements for creating, establishing, or maintaining an exclusive operating area under Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.224; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.230, the County Board of Supervisors is required to adopt, by ordinance or resolution, a written policy setting forth issues to be considered for the inclusion in any County contract for emergency ambulance services entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.230, a county contract for emergency ambulance services is required to demonstrate that: a) the county contract will provide for the payment of comparable wages and benefits to all ambulance service employees that are generally consistent with those provided to ambulance service employees in the same geographic region, and b) that the staffing levels for ambulance service employees will be comparable to the staffing levels under the County's previous contract.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Effective January 1, 2022, for any County contract for the provision of emergency ambulance services entered into or renewed the following elements shall be considered for inclusion, as applicable:
 - 1. Employment retention requirements for the employees of the incumbent ambulance service in the event of a transition to a new ambulance service provider.

2. Established minimum qualifications and documentation of credentials, including demonstrated experience serving similar populations and geographic areas.
3. Diversity and equity efforts addressing the unique needs of vulnerable, underserved, and under-resourced populations in the service area.
4. Financial requirements, including, but not limited to, requiring a private ambulance service provider to show proof of insurance and bonding.
5. A description of the ambulance service provider's public information and education activities, and community involvement.
6. Cost recovery mechanism for reasonable costs associated with planning, implementing, and evaluating an ambulance provider within the emergency medical services system.
7. Emergency takeover/replacement provisions in the event of a major breach in the agreement.
8. Disaster response and preparedness including the requirement to development of an internal disaster response plan.
9. Requirements for ongoing workforce development, including but not limited to clinical education, patient safety, provider safety, documentation standards, and treating special populations.

B. If the County contracts for emergency ambulance services as described in Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.230, the contract shall demonstrate: a) how the contract will provide for the payment of comparable wages and benefits to all ambulance service employees that are generally consistent with those provided to ambulance service employees in the same geographic region, and b) that staffing levels for ambulance service employees will be comparable to the staffing levels under the County's previous contract.

Upon motion of Supervisor Parks, seconded by
Supervisor LaVere, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves
and adopts this resolution on the 26th day of July, 2022.

Carmen Ramirez
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura



ATTEST:

SEVET JOHNSON
Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California.

By: Tom Key
Deputy Clerk of the Board