

RESOLUTION NO. 24-002

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE

ADOPTING THE EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREA EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDER CONTRACTING PROCESS POLICY

WHEREAS, the Solano Emergency Medical Services Cooperative (SEMSC) has been designated as the local emergency medical services (EMS) agency for the County of Solano ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of California, by the Solano 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, because the existing Exclusive Operating Agreement for the provision of ambulance services is set to expire on May 1, 2025, SEMSC will initiate a competitive bidding process for the provision of emergency ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.230, the Solano Emergency Medical Services Cooperative Board is required to adopt, by ordinance or resolution, a written policy setting forth issues to be considered for the inclusion in any SEMSC 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 SEMSC's previous contract.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. As required by California Health and Safety Code section 1797.230, prior to entering or renewing a contract for emergency ambulance services, the SEMSC may consider for inclusion in the contract the following issues:
 1. Employment retention requirements for the employees of the incumbent ambulance service.

2. Demonstrated experience serving similar populations and geographic areas.
3. Diversity and equity efforts addressing the unique needs of vulnerable and underserved populations in the service area.
4. Financial requirements, including 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.

B. As a further requirement, the contract shall demonstrate:

- 1) 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
- 2) That staffing levels for ambulance service employees will be comparable to the staffing levels under the SEMSC's previous contract.

C. In addition, the contract shall address and incorporate the policies set forth in Policy Number 1900, a copy of which is incorporated by this reference and attached hereto.

Upon motion of Board Member Joshua Chadwick seconded by Board Member John Jansen and duly carried, the Solano Emergency Medical Services Cooperative hereby approves and adopts this resolution on the 10th day of October 2024.

AYES: I I I I I I
ABSENT:

NOES: I
ABSTAIN:



Bill Emlen
Chair, Solano Emergency Medical Services Cooperative

ATTEST:



Brenda Melendez
Clerk of the Solano Emergency Medical Services Cooperative Board