



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
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## Board Report

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Approve and authorize the Director of Health, the Assistant Director of Health, or the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to extend the Paramedic Service Provider Agreement with City of Salinas on the same terms and conditions through January 31, 2022.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency is designated under California law by Monterey County as the local Emergency Medical Services Agency responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating the local EMS system throughout Monterey County. Under California law, no person or organization may provide “advanced life support,” also known as “paramedic services,” unless that person or organization is an authorized part of the emergency medical service system of the local EMS agency.

Accordingly, under California law, a paramedic service provider must have a written agreement with the local EMS agency to participate in the EMS system and to comply with all applicable state regulations and local policies and procedures, including participation in the local EMS agency’s Continuous Quality Improvement (“CQI”) program.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors authorized the negotiation and execution of the Paramedic Service Provider Agreement on June 26, 2018 for the shorter of five (5) years or until the end of the next Monterey County Exclusive Operating Area Ambulance 911 Provider Contract Cycle on January 31, 2020, subject to review and approval of County Counsel-Risk Manager, and County-Auditor Controller.

In January 2019, the EMS Agency released an RFP for Exclusive Ambulance Service Provider for the Monterey County Exclusive Operating Area. In May 2019, the EMS Agency determined that the proposal received failed to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the RFP and rejected the bid. To provide sufficient time to conduct a new procurement, EMS staff negotiated with the incumbent contractor, AMR, Amendment No. 10 to the existing Agreement to extend to the contract term to January 31, 2022.

To maintain alignment with the expiration date of the current Agreement for ambulance service in Monterey County, the parties wish to amend the Paramedic Service Provider Agreement to extend it through January 31, 2022.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan initiatives 2. Enhance public health and safety through prevention and 4. Engage MCHD workforce and improve operational functions to meet current and developing population health needs. It also supports one of the ten essential public health services, specifically, 7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care

when otherwise unavailable.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The Office of County Counsel has approved Amendment No. 1 to the Paramedic Service Provider Agreement as to form.

**FINANCING:**

There are no General Fund Impacts resulting from this Board action.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

☐ **Economic Development:**

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

☐ **Administration:**

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

☒ **Health & Human Services:**

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

☐ **Infrastructure:**

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

☐ **Public Safety:**

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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**Attachments:**

Amendment No. 1 is on file with the Clerk of the Board

Paramedic Service Provider Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board