

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA
BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
ADOPTING THE AMBULANCE
SERVICES CONTRACT POLICY**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RECITALS

WHEREAS the County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department is the County’s designated local EMS agency, responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating an emergency medical services program within the County, consisting of an organized pattern of readiness and responsive services based on public and private agreements and operational procedures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Any County contract for the provision of emergency ambulance services entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, or the procurement thereof, 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. Disaster response and preparedness, requiring the development of an internal disaster response plan;
3. Established minimum qualifications and documentation of credentials, including demonstrated experience serving similar populations and geographic areas;
4. Diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts addressing the unique needs of vulnerable, underserved, and under-resourced populations in the service area;
5. Financial requirements, including, but not limited to, insurance requirements and the provision of performance security;
6. Cost recovery mechanism for reasonable costs associated with planning, implementing, and evaluating an ambulance provider with in the emergency medical services system;
7. A description of the ambulance service provider’s public information and education activities and community involvement;
8. Emergency takeover/replacement provisions in the event of a major breach in the agreement;
9. Minimum community education and outreach requirements;

10. Requirements for ongoing workforce development, including but not limited to: clinical education, patient safety, provider safety, documentation standards, and treating special populations; and
11. For any county contract for emergency ambulance services subject to Health and Safety Code Section 1797.230, the required demonstration 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.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Barbara in a meeting thereof held on this ____ day of _____ 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

By: _____

JOAN HARTMANN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA
BARBARA

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____

Deputy County Counsel