

**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