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October 5, 1999

AGENDA: October 19, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: American Medical Response Contract Adjustments

Dear Board Members:

In the Spring of 1999, your Board abolished the Ambulance Contract Compliance Commission (ACCC) and replaced it with an HSA-level Technical Advisory Group (TAG). Some of the ambulance contract monitoring activities which were transferred to TAG had been assigned to the ACCC in the five-year contract agreement between the County and AMR which went into effect on December 1, 1997. At the time your Board resolved to abolish the ACCC, HSA staff and County Counsel were directed to search the existing AMR contract and to propose changes which would be consistent with the shift to an HSA monitoring group. The proposed revised contract accomplishes this Board directive.

At about the same time, the County was advised by AMR legal counsel that one section of the December 1, 1997, agreement may be in conflict with certain provisions of the Federal Social Security Act. The portion of the contract in question, Section A.5.c of Part 6, specifies the manner in which revenues in excess of the contract minimums can be spent in support of AMR, the County, or both. The previous language provided for excess revenues produced by the system to be divided equally between the County and the Contractor.

Revised contract language has been agreed upon by County Counsel and AMR counsel which enumerates alternatives for the use of excess revenues, while ensuring compliance with the Federal law.

Among other things, the revised language provides for excess funds to be spent, at the sole discretion of the Board of Supervisors, for legally permissible purposes which benefit Contractor as well as the County and its patients.

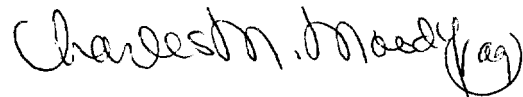
One additional modification of the December 1, 1997, agreement corrects a numbering error in the original document. With that one exception, all of the changes directly relate to the cessation of the Ambulance Contract Compliance Commission and the changes related to the allocation of excess revenues.

This modified agreement language has been prepared by Santa Cruz County Counsel in cooperation with counsel from AMR and has been signed by appropriate AMR officials. A copy of the revised agreement, as well as a strike-out version, is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

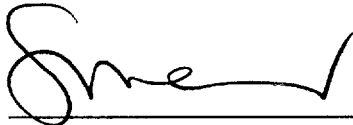
Approve the modifications in the December 1, 1997, agreement between Santa Cruz County and American Medical Response West, and direct the HSA Administrator to sign said agreement.

Sincerely,



Charles M. Moody
HSA Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

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cc: CAO
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
HSA Administration
AMR

**FIRST AMENDED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER
AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE
ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TRANSPORT SERVICES**

BETWEEN

THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

AND

AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE WEST,

A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION AND

A SUBSIDIARY OF AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE, INC.

REVISED OCTOBER 19, 1999

This Agreement is entered into by and between the COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter called County and AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE WEST, a California Corporation, and a subsidiary of AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE, INC. hereinafter referred to as Contractor.

PART ONE

INTENT

WHEREAS, it is recognized that an effective emergency medical services program in part is based upon: population density, a reliable system of ready response based on an agreed upon minimum level of effort by Contractor, and rigorous Advanced Life Support (ALS) response standards; and

WHEREAS, the County desires, in accordance with the exercise of its general police powers, to assure Advanced Life Support emergency ambulance service for all ill or injured persons; and

WHEREAS, the County believes it is mutually desirable and for the general public interest, convenience, and welfare that the entire area of the County of Santa Cruz receive prompt, and efficient ambulance service;

WHEREAS, the County desires to maintain a contractual agreement with a paramedic transport provider service that reflects a determined method of service accountability by