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Estimated Report Time: 10 Minutes

## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** JoAnn Melgar for Mary Butler - Interim Director  
Health & Human Services Administration

**REPORT BY:** JoAnn Melgar, Staff Services Analyst II - 707-253-4722

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing Considering Adoption of a Resolution establishing a revised Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Interim Director of Health and Human Services requests the Board conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a resolution establishing a revised Emergency Medical Agency Services fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and amend Part III: Fees, Part 120, Section 120.050 of the Napa County Policy Manual, "Fees for Services Provided by County Departments and Agencies."

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Fees for services provided by the Emergency Medical Services Agency are needed to recover the costs of providing services and are authorized by the California Health and Safety Code. Today's action will establish a schedule of published fees for Emergency Medical Services oversight provided by the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and thereafter, until further revisions are approved. Approval of the requested action will also amend Part III: Fees, Part 120, Section 120.050 of the Napa County Policy Manual, "Fees for Services Provided by County Departments and Agencies."

### **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Open Public Hearing.
2. Staff reports.
3. Public comment.
4. Close Public Hearing.
5. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of this resolution is not mandatory, however it will allow Napa County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency to update their fee schedule to recover costs of services provided. Sections 1797.185, 1797.212, and 1797.213 of the California Health and Safety Code and Sections 100083, 100172 and 100300 of Division 9 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations authorize the County to establish fees to recover the reasonable cost of providing oversight of the local emergency medical services system.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The approved Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget includes an estimate for fees to be collected based on prior years' actuals and future fiscal year appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If the resolution is not adopted, the Napa County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency will not have an updated fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Additionally this resolution establishes new fees for services provided.
Additional Information:	

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Adoption of the resolution is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15273(a)(1) and (2) in that the proposed fees are for the purpose, and do not exceed the reasonable cost to the County, of operating expenses and/or the purchasing of supplies, equipment and materials to provide the services noted.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Board adoption is requested of a resolution establishing a schedule of published fees for Emergency Medical Services oversight provided by the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and thereafter until further revisions are approved.

**Certification/Accreditation Rush Fee (less than 30 days from expiration)(New Fee):**

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency has a policy that certifications/re-certifications may take up to 30 days to process once a completed application is on file. The EMS Agency often get requests to rush this service, but currently, this is not allowed because it is disruptive to the work flow and there is not mechanism for recovering additional costs. By establishing this new fee, applicants will not be required to pay this fee, but can choose to pay it if they are turning in their certification less than 30 days from expiration and want it rushed prior to its expiration.

**EMS Aircraft Classification (Fee Increase):**

The EMS Agency currently charges air ambulance providers \$1,500 for oversight of their services, a responsibility required by state law. The EMS Agency has had an increase in oversight costs due to the presence of an in-county air ambulance provider, currently located at the Napa County Airport. The fee increase will allow the Agency to recover some of the direct costs associated with the designation and oversight of the service provided.

**Special Event Permitting, Hourly Fee (New fee):**

Establishing a new fee, as authorized in Napa County Ordinance 10.24.070, will allow for the County to recover direct costs associated with the review and approval of medical and emergency response plans associated with special events on public roadways.

**Stroke Receiving Center Designation/Oversight (New fee):**

The California Health & Safety Code gives the Napa County EMS Agency authority to evaluate local hospital systems of care programs, designate facilities meeting stroke care standards, and provide on-going oversight of these programs. The County enters into a written agreement with each facility that is designated to provide this level of care. Establishing this fee will help to recover direct costs associated with providing these services.

**STEMI Receiving Center Designation/Oversight (New fee):**

The California Health & Safety Code gives the Napa County EMS Agency authority to evaluate local hospital systems of care programs, designate facilities meeting ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) (heart attack) care standards, and provide on-going oversight of these programs. Current agreements are in place with both St. Helena Hospital and St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC doing business as Queen of the Valley Medical Center. Fees have been previously included in these agreements. Fees will remain as indicated in these agreements until their expiration. Agreement renewals will reflect the newly established fees. Establishing this fee will help to recover direct costs associated with providing these services.

**Trauma Receiving Center Designation/Oversight (New fee):**

The California Health & Safety Code gives the Napa County EMS Agency authority to evaluate local hospital systems of care programs, designate facilities meeting trauma care standards, and provide on-going oversight of these programs. A current agreement is in place with St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC doing business as Queen of the Valley Medical Center. Fees have been previously included in this agreement. Fees will remain as indicated in this agreement until its expiration. Agreement renewals will reflect the newly established fee. Establishing this fee will help to recover direct costs associated with providing these services.

**Receiving Hospital Designation/Oversight (New fee):**

The California Health & Safety Code gives the Napa County EMS Agency authority to evaluate local hospitals to determine eligibility for receiving emergency medical services system patients, designate facilities meeting receiving center standards, and provide on-going oversight of these programs. A current agreement is in place with St. Helena Hospital. Fees have been previously included in this agreement. Fees will remain as indicated in this agreement until its expiration. Agreement renewals will reflect the newly established fees. Establishing this fee will help to recover direct costs associated with providing these services.

**Base Hospital Designation/Oversight (New fee):**

The California Health & Safety Code gives the Napa County EMS Agency authority to evaluate local hospital systems to determine eligibility for receiving emergency medical services systems patients, designate facilities meeting Base Hospital standards, and provide on-going oversight of these programs. A current agreement is in place with St. Joseph Health Northern California, LLC doing business as Queen of the Valley Medical Center. Fees have been previously included in this agreement. Fees will remain as indicated in this agreement until its expiration. Agreement renewals will reflect the newly established fee. Establishing this fee will help to recover direct costs associated with providing these services.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Part 120, Section 120.050 of the Napa County Policy Manual-tracked
- B . Part 120, Section 120.050 of the Napa County Policy Manual
- C . Resolution - EMS Fees

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri