

Coastal Valleys EMS Agency

Serving Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma Counties



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To: Mendocino/Napa/Sonoma County Law Enforcement Agencies
Mendocino/Napa/Sonoma County EMS Providers
Mendocino/Napa/Sonoma County Hospitals
Mendocino/Napa/Sonoma County Fire Agencies

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Re: Potential Revision of EMS Agency Fees and Authorizations

The Coastal Valleys EMS Agency serves the counties of Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma. It is anticipated that several fees for services provided to the EMS community in these counties will need to be revised in order to meet the costs associated with providing these services.

This fee change is due to reductions and/or elimination of revenues which supported the partial cost of providing these services. While I understand the fiscal challenges our organizations are facing, fee based revenue provides stability and ensures consistent, high quality program oversight.

The revised fee schedules that will be presented to the three county's Board of Supervisors (BOS) for their adoption are;

Proposed EMS Fees

First Responder Certification (initial and recertification)	\$80.00
This fee may also be subject to additional State EMS Authority fee and background investigation costs pending regulatory change in July 2010.	
EMT - 1 Certification (initial and recertification)	\$80.00
This fee may also be subject to additional State EMS Authority fee and background investigation costs pending regulatory change in July 2010.	
EMT - Enhanced/II Certification (initial and recertification)	\$180.00
This fee may also be subject to additional State EMS Authority fee and background investigation costs pending regulatory change in July 2010.	
MICN Certification (initial and recertification)	\$80.00
Paramedic Accreditation (initial)	\$200.00
Replacement card (all)	\$20.00

At this time, specific dates for presentation to the individual County BOS are undetermined. The EMS Agency will continue to keep all stakeholders informed on the process and dates for presentation/adoption, as they become known.

In addition to the standardized fee schedule above, the Agency has completed a cost study of the required Provider Authorizations issued and maintained in the region. These authorizations are required in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations for specific types of providers and are listed below:

Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) or Franchise Monitoring

Trauma Center Designation

Base Hospital Designation

Receiving Hospital Designation

STEMI Center Designation

Stoke center Designation

Ambulance/CCT Authorization

ALS Provider Authorization

Air Ambulance Authorization

Training Center Authorization (First Responder, EMT-1, Paramedic)

Designation or Authorization required for each of these programs varies in complexity of associated workload. Different levels of oversight and monitoring are required to meet the legal obligation. In addition, there are variances in costs associated with higher volume providers (i.e. number of students, or total volume of patients); therefore contract costs will also vary.

Please contact me should you have additional questions or comments.

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