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To: Orange County City Managers
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From: Tammi McConnell, RN, MSN, EMS Program Manager

Subject: Proposed FY 2013-2014 Ground Emergency Ambulance
Service Rates Adjustment

In accordance with Orange County Emergency Medical Services Policy 720.00, Section 314, *Orange County Ambulance Rules and Regulations Related to Ground Emergency Ambulance Service Rates Adjustment*, you are being notified of the proposed adjustment in the maximum allowable 911 emergency ground ambulance rate for Basic Life Support (BLS) services chargeable to a patient transported at the request of a public safety employee, by Orange County ambulance service providers for 2013.

The proposed rate increase (Attachment) is computed based on the methodology utilized by the Board of Supervisors when rates were last adjusted on July 24, 2012. Specifically, the method calculates the percentage difference in the prior year's LA-Riverside-Orange County "all items" Consumer Price Index (CPI) rounded to the nearest tenth. The methodology also adjusts the Orange County Fire Authority's (OCFA) maximum advanced life support (ALS) fee by the same percentage change as the maximum emergency BLS rate, not to exceed actual costs. If adopted, the ALS rate increase would apply to all OCFA member cities, except the cities of Buena Park, San Clemente and Westminster which have their own paramedic fee programs. The proposed rate increase is attached.

The rate adjustment has been placed on the April 26, 2013 EMCC agenda for review and comment and will be placed on the next regularly scheduled EMCC agenda for additional comment and action on June 28, 2013.

- Meeting: Emergency Medical Care Committee
- Date / Time: April 26, 2013 & June 28, 2013 at 9:00am
- Location: Commission Hearing Room (333 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701)

Any written comments on the proposed rate increase should be directed to my attention. Comments received prior to either meeting will be provided to the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. You are welcome to attend the EMCC meetings and address this agenda item should you so desire.

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Attachment – Proposed FY 13-14 Ground Emergency Ambulance Rate Table