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# SERVICE PROVIDER APPLICATION PROCESS & PROCEDURE

### **PURPOSE**

To establish the application process and procedure for approval, denial, suspension, revocation and appeal of Non-Exclusive Operating Area (Non-EOA) Service Providers in the Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency (YEMSA) Region. This policy applies to all of the following Non-EOA Service Providers:

- I. Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) Ground Transport Service Providers
- II. ALS Non-transport Service Providers
- III. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Aircraft Service Providers
- IV. EMS Special Event/Standby Service Providers

#### **AUTHORITY**

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 1, §§ 1797, et seq. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 8, §§ 87465, 87469 California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 8, 12 California Code of Regulation Title 13, Division 2, Chapter 5, Article 1, §§ 1100 et seg.

### **PROCEDURE**

- I. Service Provider Application for Initial Approval:
  - A. All applicant agencies shall fully complete the appropriate current Service Provider Application packet. Applications for initial approval may be requested from YEMSA. Incomplete applications, including all required supporting documentation will not be processed.
- II. Service Provider Application for Renewal:
  - A. On an annual basis, YEMSA Approved Service Providers shall submit a renewal application and all required supporting documentation no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year. A request for renewal applications and all current requirements for renewal will be sent to all Approved Service Providers no later than thirty (30) days prior to the application due date.
- III. Application for Initial Approval/Renewal Process:
  - A. Once a completed application for Initial Approval/Renewal is received, YEMSA will complete the following procedure:
    - 1. Perform an initial review of all submitted application material for completeness.
    - 2. Perform a background investigation of applicant Service Provider if required.
    - 3. Review the application and proposed service for compliance with State law, regulations and YEMSA requirements.

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- 4. Perform an inspection of ambulances, vehicles and station(s) to verify compliance with YEMSA requirements.
  - a. Initial Approval applicants Inspections are required prior to the implementation of service.
  - b. Renewal applicants Inspections will occur in close proximity to the approval of the Service Provider renewal.
- 5. Verify the executed agreement with a YEMSA approved Base Hospital (Initial Approval applicants only).
- 6. Execute a Service Provider Agreement between YEMSA and the Approved Service Provider.
- IV. Grounds for Disapproval, Denial, Suspension or Revocation of Permit Application:
  - A. Determination by YEMSA that the applicant fails to meet any of the following requirements:
    - 1. Failure to provide a complete application;
    - 2. If the applicant has previously had an applicable permit revoked or the status is directly at issue which affects their present ability to serve;
    - 3. If the applicant has a criminal record which reasonably indicated s/he would be unlikely to properly accept the responsibilities of operating a service;
    - 4. If there is reasonable cause to believe that the applicant will not provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) or medical transport in a manner that will promote the health and general welfare of persons within the region who may need to utilize the applicants proposed services;
    - 5. If the applicant does not have the required equipment for its units;
    - 6. If the applicant proposes to operate a service within a service area where another ambulance service or entity has been granted an exclusive operating area:
    - 7. Failure to comply with all applicable regulations and YEMSA policies and procedures;
    - 8. A person who exhibits unprofessional conduct or failure to maintain that standard of performance; the use of obscene, abusive, slanderous or threatening language.
  - B. If the application is denied, YEMSA will provide notice, in writing, the reason(s) for the denial and submit specific recommendations to fulfill compliance requirements (if any) within forty-five (45) days.

### V. Appeal Process

- A. The Applicant may request an appeal of the decision to deny. The request must be submitted in writing within fourteen (14) days of receipt of denial. The Ambulance Advisory Committee will convene a three (3) person review panel made up of either its members or members it selects that are knowledgeable in EMS and/or the provision of EMS Services. A chairperson shall be appointed.
  - 1. Presentation of Information:
    - a. Applicant shall present information outlining decision-making process and reason for denial.
    - b. YEMSA responds.

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- B. Review panel shall make a written recommendation to the YEMSA Medical Director within fifteen (15) days.
- C. The appeal process shall be closed to the public unless the applicant requests the hearing to be open.
- D. The appeal process shall be recorded and transcribed by YEMSA staff and made available to the applicant after a decision is rendered.
- E. The YEMSA Medical Director has the final decision to either award or deny the provider applicant based upon the recommendation of the Review Panel.

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