

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Community Health Agency/Department of Public Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
May 19, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Approve the Third Amendment to the Master Agreement with Blythe Ambulance Service (BAS) (Contract Number DPH02K.097).

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the Third Amendment to the Master Agreement with Blythe Ambulance Services, Inc. (BAS) and designate BAS as the emergency ambulance provider for the exclusive operating area of the Palo Verde Valley for a one year extension, commencing July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairperson to execute six (6) original Amendments.

(Background Continued on Page 2)

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*Susan D. Harrington*  
Susan Harrington, Director  
Department of Public Health

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	11/12

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE  
BY: *Debra Cournoyer*  
Debra Cournoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: Tavaglione  
Date: June 7, 2011  
xc: CHA-Public Health

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By: *[Signature]*  
Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 6/24/2008 #3.19 District: All Agenda Number:

3.14

ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: NEAL R. KIPNIS DATE: 5/11/11  
Departmental Concurrence

Policy

Consent

Dep't Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

**SUBJECT:** Approve of the Third Amendment to the Master Agreement with Blythe Ambulance Service (BAS) (Contract Number DPH02K.097).

**BACKGROUND:** On October 25, 2005, (Agenda Number 3.13), the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the First Amendment to the Blythe Ambulance Master Contract for a performance period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$45,000 annually. Subsequent to the First Amendment, the Second Amendment was approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 24, 2008 (Agenda Number 3.19). This Second Amendment included approval for a second three-year extension for BAS to continue providing services through June 30, 2011.

This Third Amendment will provide for a one (1) year extension which will align the performance period of this Agreement with the County / American Medical Response (AMR) Master Agreement. Additionally, this Third Amendment removes any provisions in the Agreement obligating the County to make payments to BAS for providing services to patients that qualify for the Medically Indigent Services Program (MISP) or other indigent patients that do not qualifying for MISP. Additionally, this Third Amendment will allow BAS to increase their rates by five (5) percent in order to compensate for this loss (Schedule G).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Approval of this Third Amendment will reduce the County's financial responsibility for payments for MISP and indigent patients by \$45,000.

Attachment: (Third Amendment to Agreement with Blythe Ambulance Service)

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT  
WITH  
BLYTHE AMBULANCE SERVICE**

(Emergency Ambulance Service)

The Agreement between the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE (COUNTY) and Blythe Ambulance Service (CONTRACTOR) was first approved on June 11, 2002 Item 3.14, amended for the first time on October 25, 2005, agenda item #3.13 and for the second time on June 24, 2008, agenda item #3.19 is hereby amended for a third time effective July 1, 2011 with the following:

- To extend the performance period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 to July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- Delete Item 1.6 (and Schedule B) under Section 1. OBLIGATIONS OF COUNTY. This section refers to County payments to the Contractor for Medically Indigent Service Program (MISP).
- Delete Item 1.7 (and Schedule C) under Section 1. OBLIGATIONS OF COUNTY. This section refers to County payments to the Contractor for County indigent patients.
- Replace Schedule G (2008/2009 Rate Schedule), in its entirety with the new attached Schedule G (2011/2012 Rate Schedule).
- All other terms and conditions of this Agreement are to remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto has caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Amendment.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

CONTRACTOR

Blythe Ambulance Service

By Bob Buster

By [Signature]

John Valentin

Bob Buster, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Type or Print Name

Date JUN 07 2011

Date July 11 2011

ATTEST:

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board

[Signature] Date JUN 07 2011

Attachment: (Schedule G)

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

BY: Neal R. Kipnis DATE [Signature]

NEAL R. KIPNIS

DATE

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**Schedule G****2011/2012 RATE SCHEDULE**

ALS Rate	\$1515.00
Emergency Air Ambulance Intercept Rate*	\$1500.00
BLS Rate	\$1025.00
Mileage (loaded)**	\$32.00
Oxygen	\$109.00
Night Charge	\$109.00
Disposables	\$69.00
IV	\$40.00
EKG (3 lead)	\$93.00
EKG (12 lead)	\$355.00
Loading Fee ***	\$159.00
Wait Time	\$113.00
Extra Attendant	\$616.00
Dry Run****	\$647.00
Decontamination	\$326.00

\*Emergency Air Ambulance Intercept Rate can only be charged when an ALS unit is required but an ALS air rescue or ALS Air Ambulance transports the patient. This is an all inclusive fee with the exception of a Night Charge where appropriate.

\*\*Mileage can be charged only when the patient being charged is actually transported to an approved medical facility in the back of an ambulance and continuously being monitored by the paramedic or EMT.

\*\*\* Loading Fee will be charged only when a patient is transferred from the ambulance to an air ambulance at Blythe Airport.

\*\*\*\* Dry Run Rate can be charged when a person is assessed but not transported. An assessment includes, at a minimum, a chief complaint, vital signs and an appropriate physical assessment (see regulations and county policies to obtain a thorough description). A patient cannot be billed if this information is not documented on a proper patient care report. These patients will be charged at the Dry Run Rate for billing purposes as specified in the rate schedule above. An ALS Rate with no mileage can be assessed to a patient in full arrest when ALS interventions including medications have been given but the patient is not transported.

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