

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



**ITEM: 3.21
(ID # 27875)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

FROM : EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Approve the Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule for the Credentialing, Ambulance/Helicopter Permitting, Hospital Designation, and Education & Workforce Development Programs, All Districts. [100% Local Funds].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule, attached hereto, for the Credentialing, Ambulance/Helicopter Permitting, Hospital Designation, and Education & Workforce Development Programs administered by the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA); and
2. Approve an annual adjustment to the Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule based on The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases.


ACTION:


Daniel Bates 5/16/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 10, 2025
xc: EMD

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Local & Private Funds			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26-27/28	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In accordance with Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 1797.200, the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA) is responsible for providing regulatory oversight of all EMS programs within Riverside County.

When planning and budgeting for an EMS system, it is essential to consider evolving standards of care, population growth, increased call volume, and the influence of advancing technology. EMS system fees are not new; in fact, most EMS agencies across California already assess fees to support the oversight and administration of regulatory programs.

Specialty care hospital programs—STEMI, Stroke, and Trauma—are integral components of the Riverside County EMS system, delivering definitive care to EMS patients. These programs are continuously enhanced through rigorous evaluation and participation in EMS Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) initiatives. Ongoing policy development, technological advancements, provider education, and human factors must all be closely monitored to ensure high-quality service delivery throughout the EMS system.

Credentialing:

To provide emergency medical care in the pre-hospital setting, EMS personnel must meet specific educational and clinical requirements appropriate to their scope of practice. The issuance and maintenance of EMS credentials involve a formal application process that verifies eligibility through background checks, educational attainment, and demonstrated skills competency. The Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA) serves as the regulatory and certifying authority for issuing California State EMT certifications and local EMS credentials, in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, the California Health and Safety Code, and REMSA Administrative Policies (1200 series).

Ambulance/Helicopter Permitting:

Riverside County, through its EMS Agency has enacted local regulations (Riverside County Ambulance Ordinance 756.1) consistent with, and which enhances the County's responsibilities under, Health & Safety Code Sections 1797. Through this ordinance, the ambulance permit approval process sets standards in which each ambulance operator that wishes to operate in Riverside County, must comply when it pertains to, but is not limited to, its staff, equipment and

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standards of operation in both ground and air ambulance patient transportation within Riverside County.

Hospital Specialty Care Designation:

In California Health and Safety Code, which governs public health and emergency medical services in the state of California Section 1798.164(a) authorizes a local emergency medical services agency (LEMSA) to charge fees to facilities seeking initial or renewed trauma designation. These fees must only cover costs directly related to the designation process under Section 1798.165 and the development of system plans under Sections 1797.257, 1797.258, and 1798.162(b).

REMSA's Role in Supporting Trauma and Specialty Care Systems:

- Coordinates and leads quarterly meetings for specialty care systems (Stroke, STEMI, Trauma).
- Updates related policies based on system data.
- Conducts audits of designated hospitals: 13 Stroke Centers, 6 STEMI Centers, 6 Trauma Centers.
- Collects, analyzes, and reports performance data quarterly.
- Participates in site and accreditation visits for all designated centers.
- Engages in regional discussions and professional education to maintain system quality and staff expertise.

Education & Workforce Development:

The Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA) is authorized by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (CA EMSA), under Title 22 regulations, to approve, reapprove, and monitor all EMS Training Programs and Continuing Education (CE) Providers within Riverside County. REMSA maintains a formal application and reapplication process that includes a thorough review of required documentation and on-site evaluations to ensure continued compliance with state regulatory requirements.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Credentialing:

The EMS credentialing program ensures that applicants meet all regulatory, policy, and background clearance requirements necessary to practice within their designated EMS provider level. Once approved, providers are authorized to deliver care in the prehospital setting within their defined scope of practice. Applicants who fail to meet eligibility criteria or are disqualified under CCR Title 22 or the California Health and Safety Code are prohibited from functioning in the prehospital environment until eligibility is reestablished, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This process does not impose any negative impact on Riverside County residents or businesses.

Ambulance/Helicopter Permitting:

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Riverside County's Ambulance Ordinance 756.1 establishes operational standards through a structured permitting process. These standards are designed to protect the health and safety of patients during ambulance transport within the County.

Education & Workforce Development:

Approving EMS Training Centers and Continuing Education (CE) Providers within Riverside County offer several benefits, including convenient local access to EMS training aligned with county protocols, enhanced program oversight and quality improvement, and the ability to recruit, train, and employ local candidates to support the regional EMS workforce.

Additional Fiscal Information

In accordance with inflationary trends and to ensure that our pricing remains aligned with current economic conditions, we are requesting approval for an annual increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) data published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This approach ensures fairness, maintains the value of our services/products, and aligns with industry-standard practices for inflation-based pricing adjustments.

Rene Casillas
Rene Casillas, Internal Audits Chief

5/20/2025

Rebecca S Cortez
Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst

5/29/2025



**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES**

Category	Fee
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Credentialing:

Initial EMT Certification	\$ 200.00
EMT Recertification, New to Riverside County	\$ 200.00
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Paramedic Initial Accreditation	\$ 200.00
Paramedic Reverification	\$ 200.00
MICN Initial Authorization	\$ 200.00
MICN Reauthorization	\$ 200.00

Ambulance/Helicopter Permitting:

ALS	\$ 7,000.00
CCT	\$ 7,000.00
BLS	\$ 4,000.00
Air/HEMS	\$ 7,000.00
Per Unit Fee	\$ 500.00

Hospitals:

Base Hospital	\$ 35,000.00
Trauma	\$ 65,000.00
Stroke	\$ 50,000.00
STEMI	\$ 50,000.00
Pediatric Receiving	\$ 45,000.00

Education & Workforce Development:

EMT Training Program Approval (4-Years)	\$ 3,000.00
Paramedic Training Approval (4-Years)	\$ 5,000.00
Continuing Education Providers (4-Years)	\$ 2,000.00

