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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

**APPROVAL TO AMEND TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW SERVICES
AGREEMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

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SUBJECT

Request approval to amend the Transportation Overflow Services Agreements with 20 ambulance companies to extend the term.

To ensure access to high-quality, patient-centered, cost-effective health care to Los Angeles County residents through direct services at DHS facilities and through collaboration with community and university partners

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to execute an Amendment to the Transportation Overflow Services Agreements (TOSA) with the 20 designated ambulance companies, listed on Attachment A, effective on Board approval, to extend the term of the Agreements on a month-to-month basis for up to six months, for the period of January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012, at an estimated cost of \$2.14 million.



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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Director to execute amendments to the current TOSAs, Exhibit I, to extend the term of each Agreement on a month-to-month basis, at the discretion of the Director, effective January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012, for the continued provision of non-emergency ambulance transportation overflow services by DHS. The current agreements expire December 31, 2011.

During the current one year extension period the Department undertook a comprehensive review of the TOSAs with the intent to revise the current Agreement. These revisions were expanded to include policy changes and updates, which allowed the Emergency Medical Services Agency to have medical oversight over previously unlicensed ambulance providers and new and revised fees for the purpose of maximizing and improving services while reducing the program's costs, wherever possible. Since that time, new program requirements have been instituted that must be included in the successor Agreement.

As a result of these developments, County Counsel has recommended that the Department of Health Services (DHS) release a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) to identify qualified non-emergency transportation companies meeting these new program requirements. This extension will allow DHS sufficient time to complete the RFSQ process currently underway to develop a list of qualified non-emergency ambulance transportation companies.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost for transportation overflow services for the period of January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012, is \$2.14 million and is included in DHS' Fiscal Year 2011-12 Final Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

For a number of years, the County has contracted with private operators for the provision of patient transportation services on an as-needed basis, at the Advanced Life Support (ALS) or Basic Life Support Services (BLS) level, when County vehicles are unavailable to provide these services (i.e., the non-emergent transport of County patients between and among their homes and County hospitals, health, custody, or court facilities; State mental and other governmental hospital and health facilities; and private hospitals and health facilities).

On December 13, 2005, your Board approved the execution of TOSAs with 18 non-emergency ambulance transportation companies, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010, with an annual estimated net County cost of \$2,130,000. A subsequent amendment extended the term of the TOSA through December 31, 2011.

The County or Contractors may terminate the Agreement with or without cause by giving the other party at least 30 days prior written notice.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to use and form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the provision of non-emergency ambulance transportation overflow services to continue uninterrupted.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW PROVIDERS

	COMPANY	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
1	AmbuServe, Inc.	15105 S. Broadway Avenue Gardena, CA 90248	(310) 644-0500
2	American Medical Response	1055 W. Avenue J Lancaster, CA 93534	(661) 947-1234
3	Americare Ambulance Service	1059 E. Bedmar Street Carson, CA 90746	(310) 835-9390
4	Antelope Ambulance Service	169 W. Avenue J-5, Suite A Lancaster, CA 93534	(661) 951-1998
5	Bowers Ambulance	3355 E. Spring Street, Suite 301 Long Beach, CA 90806	(562) 988-6460
6	Care Ambulance Service	1517 Braden Court Orange, CA 92868	(714) 288-3800
7	Emergency Ambulance Service	3200 E. Birch Street, Suite A Brea, CA 92821	(714) 990-1742
8	Gerber Ambulance Service	19801 Mariner Avenue Torrance, CA 90503	(310) 542-6464
9	Guardian Ambulance Service	1854 E. Corson Street, Suite 1 Pasadena, CA 91107	(626) 792-3688
10	Impulse Ambulance	12531 Vanowen Street North Hollywood, CA 91605	(818) 982-3500
11	Liberty Ambulance	14109 Pontlavoy Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670	(562) 741-6230
12	Mauran Ambulance Service	1211 First Street San Fernando, CA 91340	(818) 365-3182
13	MedReach	1303 Kona Drive Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220	(310) 781-9395
14	Mercy Ambulance Service	8218 S. Garfield Avenue Bell Gardens, CA 90201	(877) 486-3729
15	Priority One Medical Transportation	740 S. Rochester Avenue, Suite E Ontario, CA 91761	(800) 600-3370
16	Rescue Services International	5462 Irwindale Avenue Irwindale, CA 91706	(626) 385-0440
17	Economy Transport LLC dba SafeCare Transportation	3521 Lomita Boulevard, Suite 102 Torrance, CA 90505	(888) 588-6777
18	Schaefer Ambulance Service	4627 W. Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90004	(323) 469-1473
19	WestCoast Ambulance Service	6739 Victoria Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90043	(800) 880-0556
20	Westmed/McCormick Ambulance	13933 S. Crenshaw Boulevard Hawthorne, CA 90250	(310) 219-1779

Contract No. _____

TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW SERVICES AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NO. ____

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2011,

by and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(hereafter "County"),

and

(hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled "TRANSPORTATION OVERFLOW SERVICES AGREEMENT," dated _____, and further identified as County Agreement No. _____, and any Amendments hereto (all hereafter referred to as "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, County has determined that Transportation Overflow Services provided by Contractor continue to be in the best interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to extend the Agreement on a month-to-month basis for up to six (6) months, to and including June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Agreement provides that changes may be made in the form of a written amendment which is formally approved and executed by the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Subparagraph A of Paragraph 1, TERM, of the Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"A. This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2006, and shall be extended on a month-to-month basis at the discretion of the Director, for up to six (6) months, to and including June 30, 2012. This Agreement, however, may be sooner cancelled or terminated (in whole and in part by the County) at any time, without cause, by either party upon giving at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice thereof to the other party."

2. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, the wording of Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by its Director of Health Services and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

Contractor

By _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title _____
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel