



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties

Virginia Hastings, Executive Director
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DATE: June 26, 2012

TO: San Bernardino County EMS First Responder Agencies -
Fire Chiefs and Paramedic/EMS Coordinators

FROM: Virginia Hastings
Executive Director

SUBJECT: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING EMS FIRST RESPONDER AGENCIES RESTOCK PROGRAM

This memo is to respond to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the restock program for EMS first responder agencies and for the contracted ground ambulance providers. As a reminder, restock reimbursement is based upon the average of “**transported**” patients (refer to Restock for Disposable Medical Supplies memo, dated May 18, 2012). Data utilized for this restock program and the annual review/analysis/adjustment of the reimbursement will be based on ICEMA’s ePCR EMS data system.

1. Do first responder agencies receive reimbursement for all dispatched calls, including cancelled calls?

Yes, if a patient is transported by ground ambulance provider. No, if no transport occurs.

AND

If the first responder agency does not charge fees that off-sets (fully or partially) disposable supply usage.

2. Do first responder agencies receive reimbursement on mutual aid calls?

No, the agency with primary response obligation will receive reimbursement for any patients transported by ground ambulance provider.

3. Do first responder agencies have to use supplies to be compensated?

Compensation for supplies used is an “averaged” reimbursement for all transported calls.

4. Do first responder agencies receive reimbursement for multiple patients on a call?

Yes, provided multiple patient transports occur (including MCIs). Transports will be based on ePCR data.

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5. Do first responder agencies receive reimbursement if patient is transported by air?

Yes, if patient is transported from the scene to a landing zone. **No**, if air ambulance lands on scene without a ground transport.

6. Can a first responder agency do its own analysis?

Yes, however, ICEMA's analysis will be used for any changes to reimbursement, as ICEMA's analysis utilizes a "county-wide" approach not focusing on any one agency. It has been acknowledged that each first responder agency will use different levels of supplies. As a result of average, some agencies will not receive complete reimbursement and other agencies will receive complete reimbursement (based on data). The average reimbursement for transported patients meets the goal of reimbursing at less than or equal to cost.

7. Who pays for first responder agencies training supplies?

First responder agencies. No patient transport occurred; therefore, training supplies not eligible for reimbursement because they are not calculated into the average cost per transport.

8. Who pays for supplies that may expire or become damaged?

First responder agencies. No patient transport occurred; therefore, expired or damaged supplies not eligible for reimbursement because they are not calculated into the average cost per transport.

If you have any additional questions, please contact George Stone, Program Coordinator, at (909) 388-5807 or via e-mail at George.stone@cao.sbcounty.gov

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SUBJECT: RESTOCK FOR DISPOSABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES

On May 8, 2012, ICEMA's Governing Board approved updated Performance Based Contracts with American Medical Response (AMR) for urban Exclusive Operating Areas (EOAs). These contracts, including restock conditions, become effective July 1, 2012. We did not include rural EOAs in this first process because of unique issues relating to the very difficult to serve areas. However, it has been ICEMA's and AMR's intent to provide the same restock process in those "rural" areas served by AMR, e.g., Victorville and Redlands.

In accordance with the contracts, effective July 1, 2012, AMR will resupply first responder agencies at a flat rate reimbursement of eight dollars (\$8.00) per transported run. In accordance with ICEMA procedures, AMR must submit its required transport data, along with required resupply dollar amount, to ICEMA by the 15th business day of the following quarter. ICEMA will reimburse first responder agencies in accordance with San Bernardino County procedures. Estimated timeframe for ICEMA/County processes is 45 days. Based upon these timeframes, first responders initially should be prepared for their own restock for the first four (4) months.

NOTE: AMR WILL DISCONTINUE ONE FOR ONE RESTOCK ON EACH INDIVIDUAL RUN EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012, AT 8:00 A.M.

Based upon County procedures, each agency receiving reimbursement for restock must be registered with the County's ePRO system. To begin the process, please complete the attached IRS W-9 and return it to Mary Barrett via e-mail at mbarrett@cao.sbcounty.gov. Mary will contact your designated individual once the initial steps are completed by the Auditor-Controller and advise you on how to complete the registration process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (909) 388-5823 or via e-mail at vastings@cao.sbcounty.gov or George Stone, Program Coordinator, at (909) 388-5807 or via e-mail at george.stone@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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Attachment

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George Stone, Program Coordinator, ICEMA
Renee Colarossi, Director of Operations, AMR
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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see Instructions) ▶	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	County of San Bernardino 222 W. Hospitality Lane, AP 4th fl San Bernardino, CA 92415-0018
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.