



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties

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TO: Fire Chiefs
Chief Executive Officers
All ALS and BLS Transporting Agencies

FROM: Virginia Hastings
Executive Director 

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT RATE INCREASE**

Transporting agencies are requesting that ambulance rates be returned to the 2008-09 approved fee schedule while a thorough study is undertaken to review all the factors impacting transportation costs. As you know, approved rates were reduced effective July 1, 2009, in conformance with the formula outlined in the San Bernardino County Code Section 31.0830 (f), Chapter 8, Title 3. This rate reduction was properly noticed in March, 2009.

Changing the method of calculating rate increases will require a change in the County Code. In the interim, the Code contains a provision for "extraordinary cost increases/decreases" subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

To move this request to the Board of Supervisors based upon "extraordinary costs" will require some basic financial justification. Therefore, please provide supporting information on the attachments and return to me no later than July 31, 2009.

Please note that, realistically, timeframes for implementing a return to 2008-09 rates, if approved by the Board of Supervisors, could be two to three months, not including whatever time may be necessary for public agencies to move to their governing bodies, if required. While you are completing the attachments, I will research public notification requirements for this type of action. I am committed to moving swiftly on your request based upon supporting justification.

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Attachments: (1) Ambulance Rate Increase Supporting Information
(2) Ambulance Rate Increase Costs of Operation

REQUEST FOR AMBULANCE RATE INCREASE

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Cost of Operation

Cost Category	2007	2008	2009 (4months)
Wages/Salary/Benefits			
Fuel			
Vehicle Repairs			
Vehicle depreciation			
Medical Supplies			
All Other *			
Total Expenses			

* Provide explanation of "other" category