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To: Orange County City Managers  
Orange County Fire Chiefs  
Orange County Ambulance Providers

From: Tammi McConnell, RN, MSN  
EMS Administrator

Subject: Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Ground Emergency Ambulance Service Rates Adjustment

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In accordance with Orange County Emergency Medical Services Policy 720.00, Section 314, *Orange County Ambulance Rules and Regulations Related to Ground Emergency Ambulance Service Rates Adjustment*, you are being notified of the proposed adjustment in the maximum allowable 911 emergency ground ambulance rate for Basic Life Support (BLS) services chargeable to a patient transported at the request of a public safety employee, by Orange County ambulance service providers for 2015.

The proposed rate increase (attachment) is based on the methodology used by the Board of Supervisors when rates were last adjusted on September 10, 2013. Specifically, the method calculates the percentage difference in the prior year's LA-Riverside-Orange County "all items" Consumer Price Index (CPI) rounded to the nearest tenth. The methodology also adjusts the maximum advanced life support (ALS) Paramedic Assessment and Transportation rate for Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) jurisdictional areas (excepting San Clemente, Westminster and Buena Park). The proposed rate increase is attached.

The rate adjustment has been placed on the April 24, 2015 EMCC agenda for review and comment and will be placed on the next regularly scheduled EMCC agenda for additional comment and action on Friday, June 26, 2015.

- Meeting: Emergency Medical Care Committee
- Date / Time: Friday, April 24, 2015 and Friday, June 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
- Location: Commission Hearing Room (333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701)

Any written comments on the proposed rate increase should be directed to my attention. Comments received prior to either meeting will be provided to the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. You are welcome to attend the EMCC meetings and address this agenda item if you so desire.

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Attachment