

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW FOURTEEN (14) PATIENT/CLIENT
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, AND 2011-12
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute the renewal of fourteen (14) Patient/Client Services Agreements, as listed on the Attachment for Fiscal Years (FY) 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12. These contractors provide DMH with access to continuous, uninterrupted transportation services for severely and persistently mentally ill adults and seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children and adolescents at a total cost of \$1,500,000, funded by Sales Tax Realignment Funds.

Authorize the Director or his designee to enter into new agreements with additional Patient/Client Transportation agencies, and authorize the Director or his designee to prepare and execute amendments to these Agreements, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to each contractor under the Agreement for each fiscal year shall not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable revised contracted rate; 2) any increase shall be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or their designee is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 5) County and contractor may, by written amendments, reduce programs or services and revise the applicable contracted rate; and 6) the Director of Mental Health shall notify the Board of Supervisors of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval is requested due to the June 30, 2007 expiration date of the existing Patient/Client Transportation Services Agreements. The renewal of these agreements is necessary to continue the transportation services for severely and persistently mentally ill adults and SED children and adolescents without interruption. Board approval will allow DMH to continue to contract with new qualified providers as the need arises.

BACKGROUND

The renewal of 14 Patient/Client Transportation Agreements as listed on the Attachment will provide DMH with access to continuous, uninterrupted transportation services for severely and persistently mentally ill adults and SED children and adolescents.

The Agreement format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CAO has reviewed the proposed actions. Clinical and administrative staff of DMH will also continue to administer and supervise the agreements, evaluate programs to ensure that quality services are being provided to clients, and ensure that Agreement provisions and Departmental policies are being followed.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

DMH is currently contracted with 14 contractors which expire on June 30, 2007. These 14 agreements are being renewed because of the continuing need for accessible client transportation services for severely and persistently mentally ill adults and SED children and adolescents throughout Los Angeles County.

Board approved renewal process will allow DMH to continue to add new qualified Patient/Client Transportation Services contractors following the guidelines of the Department and the needs of our clientele residing within the County of Los Angeles. New prospective contractors who petition to provide transportation services with the Department will be evaluated by our program staff as to their qualifications and current needs.

This Board letter will not be posted on the County's Bid Webpage as this does not involve a Request for Proposal.

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SPECIALIZED CONTRACT RENEWALS FOR FYs 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, AND 2011-12
PATIENT/CLIENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS*
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Item No.	CONTRACTOR	SUP. DIST. (Site)	Agreement Term	Base Rate + Mileage Rate*				
				FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012
1	Allen Ambulance Service 9602 South Central Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90002	2	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
2	American Medical Response of Southern California 17918 Crusader Avenue Cerritos, CA 90703	4	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
3	AmeriCare Ambulance Service 820 West Lomita Boulevard Harbor City, CA 90710	4	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
4	Antelope Ambulance Service 169 West Avenue J-5 Lancaster, CA 93534	5	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
5	APT Ambulance Company, Inc. 1227 South La Brea Avenue Inglewood, CA 90301	2	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
6	Bowers Ambulance Service 3355 East Spring Street, #301 Long Beach, CA 90806	4	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
7	Emergency Ambulance Service, Inc. 3200 East Birch Street, Suite A Brea, CA 92821-6258	4	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*

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8	Guardian Medical Transportation, Inc. dba Guardian Ambulance 1854 East Corson Street, Suite 1 Pasadena, CA 91107	2	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
9	MedReach, Inc. 1303 Kona Drive Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220	2	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
10	Mercy Ambulance Service 10909 Almond Avenue Fontana, CA 92337	1	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
11	Rescue Services International, Ltd. 805 West Avenue L-8, Suite T Lancaster, CA 93534	5	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
12	West Coast Ambulance, Inc. 6739 Victoria Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90043	2	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
13	Schaefer Ambulance Service 4627 Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90004	2	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*
14	Priority One Medical Transport 740 South Rochester Avenue, Suite E Ontario, CA 91761	N/A Out-of-County	5 Yrs.	*	*	*	*	*

* Basic Rate + Mileage Rate: Ambulances have a base rate of \$111.00 per call, plus \$3.75 per mile one way. There is a "built-in" rate for early arrivals for ambulances only. Ambuletters/Vans have a base rate of \$80.00 per call, plus \$2.50 per mile one way.
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