



**Contra
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County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
 From: Jeff Carman, Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
 Date: December 8, 2015

Subject: Presentation on Federal Funding Programs Available to Fire-Based Ambulance Service Providers

RECOMMENDATION(S):

PRESENTATION on federal funding programs available to the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District for its ambulance transport program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Presentation only. No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, as a public 911 ambulance service provider, may be eligible for supplemental federal reimbursement for the cost of services provided to certain patients with government insurance. The federal funding programs are called Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) and Inter-Governmental Transfer (IGT). Funding from these programs is available to fire protection district's that provide ambulance services to assist in the recovery of costs associated with providing ambulance services to patients with government insurance (e.g., Medicaid).

Medi-Cal (California's version of Medicaid) reimburses ambulance providers at rates significantly less than the cost of providing ambulance services. California law prohibits

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ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/08/2015** ☐ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 8, 2015

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ambulance providers from billing the patient for the difference between the ambulance cost and Medi-Cal reimbursement. Therefore,

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

ambulance services operated by public agencies that meet program requirements can seek cost-based reimbursement for certain patients who are covered by Medi-Cal.

This presentation will provide an overview of the programs, describe the eligibility requirements, and provide an estimation of potential supplemental reimbursement funding available to the District.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

This item is an informational presentation item only.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.

ATTACHMENTS

GEMT/IGT PowerPoint