

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Community Health**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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Michael P. Mulligan, M.D., M.B.A., Director of Community Health

DATE: April 18, 2006

SUBJECT: Emergency Medical Services Appropriation

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the Emergency Medical Services Appropriation (EMSA) Standard Agreement for FY 05/06 and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign this document in order to initiate the release of Placer County's allocation of \$82,532 from the California Department of Health Services (DHS).

BACKGROUND:

Placer County has participated in the EMSA program since 2001. EMSA's purpose is to reimburse physicians for uncompensated emergency services directly provided to the indigent population. It was initially appropriated under Senate Bill 2132 and has been reauthorized under various assembly bills since that time. The FY 2005/06 allocation was made available pursuant to the provisions of AB 131. EMSA appropriates funding through the California Healthcare for Indigents Program (CHIP), which is a component of Proposition 99 Tobacco Tax funds. It is the responsibility of each participating county to administer EMSA funds in accordance with the purposes of the bill. All funds shall be allocated and expended in FY 2005/06. Any unexpended monies, including interest earned, shall be returned to DHS. Placer County's allocation level has not changed since the initial distribution in 2001.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This will provide additional funds to reimburse physicians and hospitals for emergency services that were previously uncompensated. These are pass-through funds that will have no effect on the County general fund contribution to the Department of Health and Human Services. AB 131 also allows counties to be reimbursed for associated administrative costs of the program in an amount not to exceed 10% of the amount received.

The following contract for:

**Emergency Medical Services
Appropriation (EMSA)**

is on file with the Clerk of the Board
for BOS meeting:

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