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**Date:** March 21, 2019  
**To:** Santa Clara County Hospitals and Permitted Ground and Air Ambulance Providers  
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**Subject:** Anticipated Designation/Permit Fee Increases – FY2020 (July 1, 2019)

The Santa Clara EMS Agency needs to update its fee schedule to conform to increasing costs and the County budget process. The County last increased its fees in July 2017 by a modest 5%. This increase did not capture the entire fee cost recovery based on a fee analysis. Due to this, we are required to raise fees again by 5% in FY20 in order to attempt to obtain full cost recovery.

The following revisions to the Santa Clara County Permit and Hospital Designation fees are scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2019.

**Anticipated Fees Fiscal Year 2020**

**Ambulance Fees**

| Description                    | Current    | Proposed   | Increase |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Basic Life Support Provider    | \$6,063.75 | \$6,366.94 | \$303.19 |
| Advanced Life Support Provider | \$6,615.00 | \$6,945.75 | \$330.75 |
| Critical Care Transport        | \$6,615.00 | \$6,945.75 | \$330.75 |
| Air Ambulance Provider         | \$8,820.00 | \$9,261.00 | \$441.00 |
| Ambulance Vehicle Fees         | \$1,047.38 | \$1,099.75 | \$52.37  |

**EMS Receiving Facility Fees**

| Description                      | Current     | Proposed    | Increase |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 911 Paramedic Receiving Facility | \$11,025.00 | \$11,576.25 | \$551.25 |
| EMS Stroke Receiving Facility    | \$11,025.00 | \$11,576.25 | \$551.25 |

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|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| EMS Cardiac Receiving Facility | \$11,025.00  | \$11,576.25  | \$551.25   |
| EMS Trauma Receiving Facility  | \$110,250.00 | \$115,762.50 | \$5,512.50 |

Again, these changes are being made due to increasing costs, regulatory changes, and the lack of annual adjustments for consumer pricing. It has become evident there is a need to increase fees to cover costs related to the oversight of providers in the County of Santa Clara.

The EMS Agency understands that operating within the current economic environment is difficult and that providers are also experiencing increasing costs. The EMS Agency has resisted increasing these fees over the past several years; however it is now necessary to make appropriate adjustments.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the number provided or via email at [jackie.lowther@ems.sccgov.org](mailto:jackie.lowther@ems.sccgov.org) or at 408-794-0608.

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