

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



JAIME E. MOORE
FIRE CHIEF

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 26-018

TO:  Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Jaime E. Moore, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: MEASURE B FUNDING – MEDICAL CONTROL AGREEMENT,
AMENDMENT NO. 4 WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

On November 5, 2002, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure B authorizing a parcel tax to provide funding for the Countywide System of Trauma Centers, Emergency Medical Services and Bioterrorism Response.

On April 30, 2010, Council approved receipt of Measure B funds, and authorized the Fire Chief to execute the Medical Control Agreement with Los Angeles County for the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to provide the following services (C.F. 10-0458):

1. When requested, provide the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services inter-facility helicopter transports between County facilities through the medical alert centers.
2. As necessary and subject to availability, participate in local delivery of pharmaceutical and medical supplies, including the Strategic National Stockpile, via aircraft transport in the event of significant terrorism or public health incidents.

The Agreement was retroactive to July 1, 2008 for an indefinite term, with a provision for either party to terminate upon at least 180 days written notice. The County would reimburse the City for service-related expenses through an annual maximum Measure B funding allocation. The below table summarizes the respective allocations for FY 2008-09 through FY 2018-19 as authorized by the Medical Control Agreement and Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, as well as the proposed Amendment No. 4 recommended for Board approval.

Medical Control Agreement	Fiscal Year	Maximum Funding Allocation	City Expense Items
	2008-09	\$1.2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) • Pilot Trainees (3 positions) • Trauma Care Services (contract) • Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
	2009-10 and 2010-11	\$1.3M (Each FY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced aircraft safety equipment (FY 2009-10, only) • Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) • Pilot Trainees (3 positions) • Trauma Care Services (contract) • Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
	2011-12	\$1.1M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) • Pilot Trainees (3 positions) • Trauma Care Services (contract) • Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
	2012-13 and 2013-14	\$327,000 (Each FY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) • Trauma Care Services (contract) • Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
Amendment No. 1	2014-15 through 2017-18	\$327,000 (Each FY, plus additional one-time \$80,000 for FY 14-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aeromedical patient care equipment (FY 14-15, only) • Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) • Trauma Care Services (contract) • Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
Amendment No. 2	2018-19	\$440,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) • Trauma Care Services (contract) • Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
Amendment No. 3	2019-20 (Ongoing)	\$440,000 (Ongoing each FY, plus additional one-time \$566,591 for FY 19-20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System (FY 19-20, only)</i> • Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) • Trauma Care Services (contract) • Air Ops. Pilots continuing education
Amendment No.4 (Proposed)	2019-20 (Ongoing)	\$440,000 (Ongoing each FY, plus one-time \$163,000 for FY 25-26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Care Coordinator (Asst. Fire Chief position) • Trauma Care Services (contract) • Air Ops. Pilots continuing education

On July 15, 2025, County's Board of Supervisors approved a one-time additional funding of \$163,000 for FY 2025-26 to support expanded access to Services.

The attached Amendment No. 4 has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney as to legal form.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute Medical Control Agreement, Amendment No. 4 with Los Angeles County to provide increased Measure B funding in FY 2025-26.
2. In accordance with Executive Directive 3, transmit Amendment No. 4 to the Office of the City Administrative Officer for review.

FISCAL IMPACT

Medical Control Agreement, Amendment No. 4 with Los Angeles County provides in FY 2025-26 one-time Measure B funding of \$163,000 in addition to the ongoing annual allocation of \$440,000.

Board report prepared by Ngozi Mbamalu, Senior Management Analyst II,
Administrative Services Bureau.

Attachment

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(MEDICAL CONTROL AGREEMENT)
BY AND BETWEEN
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, LOCAL
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY
AND
CITY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT
FOR
TRAUMA AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES**

AMENDMENT No. 4

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into on this ___day of_____202___, (hereinafter "Amendment Effective Date") by and between the County of Los Angeles (hereafter "County") Department of Health Services (hereafter "DHS"), Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (hereafter "EMS") and City of the Los Angeles, by and through the Los Angeles City Fire Department, located at 200 North Main Street, #1700, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (hereinafter "Contractor"); and

WHEREAS, County and Contractor entered into that certain "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Medical Control Agreement), No. H-704387, for trauma air transport services (hereinafter also "Services") dated July 1, 2008, including amendments and other modifications thereto (all hereafter collectively referred to as "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2025, County's Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") delegated authority to the Director of DHS, or authorized designee, subject to annual appropriation and availability of funds, among others, to update the funding for the new annual ongoing revenue starting in FY 2025-26 to the Contractor, to support expanded access to Services; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto to amend the Agreement solely to increase the funding as approved by the Board and subject to all fiscal limitations set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 13 (Amendments) of the Agreement provides that such changes to the Agreement may be made in the form of an Amendment, which is formally approved and executed by the parties; and

WHEREAS, Contractor warrants that it continues to possess the competence, expertise and personnel necessary to provide services consistent with the requirements of the Agreement and the professional standard of care for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Amendment is effective on the Amendment Effective Date only upon full execution by all parties.
2. The Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference, and all of its terms and conditions, including capitalized terms defined therein, shall be given full force and effect except as expressly modified by this Amendment and fully set forth herein.

3. Additional Provisions - Air Ambulance Regulations, Paragraph 2 (Funding), Section D, of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:

“2. FUNDING

- D. Funding: Funding from the Measure B TPA to the Los Angeles City Fire Department shall be subject to Board approval, annual appropriation, and continued compliance with the Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed to create a guaranteed, vested, or multi-year funding obligation.
- i. Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 maximum obligation approved by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is up to One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000).
 - ii. FYs’ 2009-10 and 2010-11 annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000).
 - iii. FY 2011-12 maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000).
 - iv. FYs’ 2012-13 and 2013-14 annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$327,000).
 - v. FYs’ 2014-15 through 2017-18 annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$358,000), with an additional one-time only allocation of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for FY 2014-15 for a total Four Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$438,000).
 - vi. The annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO, beginning in FY 2018-19 and any future FY, is up to Four Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$440,000), subject to annual Board appropriation.
 - vii. For FY 2019-20 an additional one-time allocation of Five Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$566,691) is added for a total of One Million Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$1,006,691).
 - viii. For FY 2025-26 an additional one-time allocation of One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$163,000) is added for a total Six Hundred and Three Thousand Dollars (\$603,000).”

In no event shall the County's total obligation exceed amounts expressly approved and appropriated by the Board of Supervisors for the applicable fiscal year.

- 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement. All payments under this Amendment are expressly contingent upon the availability and appropriation of funds by the Board of Supervisors. The County shall have no obligation to provide funding beyond amounts appropriated for any given fiscal year. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, the Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
- 5. All payments are conditioned upon Contractor's continued compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, LEMSA requirements, and the terms of the Agreement. County may withhold, reduce, or recover payments for non-compliance.
- 6. Nothing in this Amendment shall be deemed a waiver of any County right or remedy nor shall it establish any precedent or expectation regarding future funding levels or amendments.
- 7. This Amendment is for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and confers no rights on any third party.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by its Director of Health Services, or authorized designee, and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be executed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer(s) on the Amendment Effective Date as specified above.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH SERVICES**

By signing below, the signatory attests that they have no personal, financial, beneficial or familial interest in this contract.

By: _____
Jaime E. Moore
Fire Chief
Los Angeles Fire Department

By: _____ for
Christina R. Ghaly, M.D.
Director of Health Services

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By: _____
Barak Vaughn
Assistant City Attorney

By: _____
Georgina Glaviano
Deputy County Counsel