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TO: Emergency Ambulance Service Providers
Interested Parties

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SUBJ.: Billing for services to non-transported patients

The purpose of this memo is to clarify the ability of emergency ambulance service provider to bill for services when a patient is not transported. As you know the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors set the maximum rates emergency ambulance providers may charge for services. The emergency ambulance providers in San Joaquin County (AMR, MDA, ECA, and RFD) are authorized to charge non-transported emergency patients up to the maximum allowable county approved rate under the following conditions:

- The patient receives one or more ALS medications or procedures;

- The patient is determined to be dead by a base hospital physician following an ALS assessment.

If non-transport patients do not meet the conditions above no bill for services may be assessed.

Please contact the EMS Agency if you have any questions.