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### **Policy Memorandum No. 2018-02**

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SUBJ. Continued Integration of BLS Ambulances into the EMS System

EMS Policy Memorandum No. 2018-02 is being issued at the request of emergency ambulance service providers to continue the temporary integration of BLS ambulances into the EMS system as originally authorized by EMS Policy Memorandum No. 2018-01 Response to Flu and Influenza like Illness (ILI) Epidemic.

In order to increase the availability for ambulance transport within the EMS system all emergency ambulance providers including American Medical Response, Manteca District Ambulance, Escalon Ambulance, and the Ripon Consolidated Fire District are authorized to staff and use BLS ambulances to respond to: 1) Emergency requests for service classified by the Valley Regional Emergency Communication Center through the Medical Priority Dispatch System as Protocol 26 Sick Person Alpha and Omega; and 2) Any emergency request for service if no advanced life support ambulance is immediately available for assignment.

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