

September 10, 2021

Consolidated Fire Agencies dba CONFIRE JPA 1743 W. Miro Wy Rialto, CA 92376

Dear Mr. Art Andres:

Thank you for your application submitted in response to the Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). After careful consideration, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has decided not to move forward with the ET3 Model NOFO. The insufficient number of received applications will not allow CMS to adequately determine whether the medical triage line intervention, as described in the NOFO, has the potential to maintain or improve quality of care for beneficiaries and reduce Medicare program spending under the Model.

This decision was made in accordance with Section H of the NOFO, which states:

"The Federal Government is not obligated to make any Federal award as a result of this announcement. Only Grants Management Officers can bind the Federal Government to the expenditure of funds.

Publication of this notice does not oblige CMS to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds. If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the government. Notwithstanding verbal or written assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation on the part of CMS to cover pre-award costs unless approved by the Grants Management Officer as part of the terms and conditions if an award is made".

This decision does not affect ET3 Model Participation Agreements as they relate to the Alternative Destination and Treatment-in-Place facilitation ambulance payment component of the ET3 Model. Additionally, this decision will not affect NOFO applicants' ability to apply for any subsequent or future NOFOs, if eligible.

If you have any questions about the ET3 Model, please email ET3Model@cms.hhs.gov.

Again, thank you for your application for the ET3 NOFO.

Sincerely, Jason G. Vollmer -S

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