



**CONFIRE**

## STAFF REPORT

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**TO: EMS Subcommittee**

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**SUBJECT: PPGEMT – IGT INVOICES**

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### **Background Information**

On December 5, 2023, the County of San Bernardino awarded the contract to CONFIRE for the Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Ground Ambulance Services, Interfacility, and Critical Care Transport Services for Exclusive Operating Areas in San Bernardino County.

The California Public Provider Ground Emergency Transport Program is an innovative supplemental funding program available to public providers, including CONFIRE EMS. These programs also are known nationally as Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) funding programs. The federal government offers these EMS supplemental payment programs to assist states in offsetting the costs of providing EMS services to Medicaid/Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

CONFIRE EMS is committed to reinvesting GEMT dollars collected through the provision of services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries to strengthen the EMS system and give back to the community. CONFIRE plans to use GEMT funding to support the EMS system overall and healthcare innovations described in this proposal, thereby contributing to long-term system sustainability and future system advances. These funds are unique and not available to non-transport public providers.

As a PP-GEMT participating funding entity, CONFIRE has elected to make an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) as a voluntary contribution to the non-federal share (NFS) of Medi-Cal expenditures for the PP-GEMT Program. Invoice #2 reflects the quarterly dollar amount with consideration to the twenty (20) annual estimated MediCal trips that CONFIRE will perform.

On February 28, 2024, the Board of Directors approved the mid-year budget which included the expenses with DHCS before the contract implementation. All payments after the contract will be included in the FY 24/25 budget.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The expenses for the DHCS invoice before the contract implementation is \$960.34 per quarter. It is anticipated based on assumptions that quarterly payments after contract

implementation are estimated at \$3,500,000. The funding will be allocated from the EMS Fund (5020).

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the EMS Subcommittee receive this report as advisement of action taken by the CONFIRE Board of Directors.