

June XX, 2024

Oregon Health Authority—EMS & Trauma Systems
Attn: Veronica Seymour
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RE: Ambulance Service Licensure for Rapid Emergency Management (REM)

Dear Veronica:

OAR 333-250-215 (2) (f) requires that when the Oregon Health Authority EMS & Trauma Systems is determining whether to license an ambulance service, there must be a documented need for the service supported by the county government in which the ambulance service is based. The county government must submit a letter of documented need for the service to the Oregon Health Authority on behalf of the ambulance provider. REM is currently located in Deschutes County in the State of Oregon and has requested a letter of documented need from the County to obtain its license to provide limited ambulance services within the boundaries of Deschutes County.

In accordance with this requirement, this letter is provided in support of REM becoming a licensed ambulance service provider in order to provide state-level wildfire incident ambulance support in the State of Oregon. The Deschutes County Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Committee met on June 12 with REM and recommend support of REM being licensed in Oregon, with the stipulation that they do not provide emergency transport in Deschutes County per County Code 8.30 and not hire local ASA EMS staff without first obtaining permission from the franchised EMS providers operating within Deschutes County. Furthermore, the Oregon Department of Forestry has expressed that there still is a need to license additional non-emergency wildfire incident ambulance support in Oregon.

REM is currently contracted with the federal government to provide ambulance transport services on federally declared wildfire incidents.

Please let us know if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,