COASTAL VALLEYS EMS AGENCY



EMS Stakeholder Engagement Process ver.2

Suggested Ordinance Language for Data Collection (Bold Italics text updated 12/7/18)

CVEMSA is suggesting the following as a starting place for language to include in the Ordinance regarding collection of data related to system capacity and patient care:

In order to support the planning, monitoring and periodic review of an economically sustainable, high quality and equitable EMS system, the LEMSA shall leverage all available data sources. The LEMSA shall collect data in the following ways:

From Provider Agencies:

Agencies providing prehospital care within Sonoma County shall complete documentation and submit electronic patient care data consistent with statute and regulations as well as any local requirements per LEMSA policy. LEMSA shall collect financial data at a minimum showing source of payment for EMS services, service provider rates, collection data, and actual charges to patients served. The LEMSA shall also collect data regarding the EMS provider agencies' responses into other provider agencies' assigned service areas. The LEMSA shall promulgate policy to address the creation of local data submission requirements, timeliness of data submission, conditions for exemptions to submission requirements, and actions to be taken to remedy any non-submission of data.

From Hospitals:

Hospitals and any other healthcare facilities receiving EMS patients shall provide patient outcome data in conformity with state statute and regulations as well as any local requirement per LEMSA policy. LEMSA shall promulgate policy to address type of information reported, creation of local requirements for data submission, conditions for access and use of information provided and mechanisms for maintaining confidentiality of patient information in accordance with state and federal statute and regulations that are relevant to such data security.

In General:

Adherence to LEMSA data submission policy shall be a condition of any distribution of funding, specialty care designation and/or Medicare authorization issued by the LEMSA to any entity operating under the medical control of the EMS Agency, or receiving ambulance patients within Sonoma County. Any agreement between the LEMSA and a system participant shall contain a clause reinforcing the expectations stated herein. Data collected by the LEMSA shall be used to inform the LEMSA, EMCC and Board of Supervisors in regard to the status and performance of the EMS system as part of periodic review and ongoing planning efforts.