



STATE OF COLORADO)
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COUNTY OF PHILLIPS)

RESOLUTION No. 2024-06-18-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO
CONCERNING AMBULANCE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County, Colorado (the "Board") pursuant to the authority granted in the Colorado Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Act, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 25-3.5-101, et seq., as amended, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (the "Department"); Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division; Emergency Medical Services Rules, 6 CCR 1015-3, as amended, has the authority to regulate and authorize ambulance services operating within the county's jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the residents within Phillips County (the "County") are of paramount importance, and efficient medical services are vital for preserving and protecting the County community and its visitors;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2015, the Board adopted a Resolution Concerning Ambulance Services And Emergency Medical Services;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need to establish further operational rules and guidelines to ensure the effective and reliable functioning of the Ambulance Service within the County;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Resolution Concerning Ambulance Services And Emergency Medical Services to enhance coordination among emergency responders, optimize resource allocation, and maintain the highest standards of medical care during transportation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO that the following rules for Ambulance Services operating within the County are hereby established, and the changes described below are enclosed herein as Exhibit A.

I. Resolution Concerning Ambulance Services And Emergency Medical Services, Article II, Section I, Subsection 1 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

No licensed Ambulance Service shall be Based in locations other than those on file with the County and approved by the Board. Nor shall an Ambulance Service abandon any location at which it is Based without prior notice to the Board.

II. Resolution Concerning Ambulance Services And Emergency Medical Services is hereby amended by adding the following Article VII: AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE:

A. Authorization to Operate. A ground Ambulance Service shall not operate from a base located in the County unless the ground Ambulance Service has obtained authorization to operate from the County.

B. Evaluation. The licensure of Ambulance Service based within the County shall be evaluated based on the Ambulance Service provider's capabilities, experience, personnel, equipment, response times, and ability to comply with all relevant laws and regulations.

C. Board Actions. Subject to the existing state and county licensing requirements, the Board hereby takes the following actions:

1. The Board hereby affirms the Holyoke EMS and Haxtun Ambulance Service County license and authorization to operate ground Ambulance Services in the County, including authority to transport patients from any location in the County and deliver patients to medically appropriate locations within and without the boundaries of the County.



2. The Board hereby recognizes the air Ambulance Service located within the county, which is licensed by the state of Colorado, but which, consistent with Medicare coverage requirements, is used only when a patient's medical condition requires immediate and rapid transportation that could not be provided by ground ambulance, and thus does not affect ground Ambulance Services within the County.

3. No other Ambulance Service located within 35 miles of Melissa Memorial Hospital and Haxtun Health may transport patients from hospitals located in the County.

D. Operation Without Authorization. Ambulance providers based outside the County may deliver patients to locations within the County when medically appropriate and may assist in mass casualty and similar emergent situations when requested by the County, emergency authorities or licensed ambulance operators based in the County.

E. Limitations on Licensed Ambulance Services. Notwithstanding any current or future licensee's authorization to operate Ambulance Services within the County, Holyoke EMS is the only ground Ambulance Service located within 35 miles of Melissa Memorial Hospital that is authorized by the Board to transport patients from Melissa Memorial Hospital to other locations within or without the County. Furthermore, Haxtun Ambulance Service is the only ground Ambulance Service located within 35 miles of Haxtun Hospital authorized by the Board to transport patients from Haxtun Hospital to other locations within or without the County. Provided, however, that the County will have full legal authority to exercise emergency response mutual aid agreements with other surrounding emergency response agencies, including without limitation air Ambulance Service providers and enter into arrangements as needed for the health and safety of the residents and visitors of the County.

F. Ambulance License Required. On and after July 1, 2024, no person or agency, private or public, shall transport a patient from or to any point within the County in an ambulance to any point within or outside the County unless the person or agency holds a valid license issued by the State of Colorado pursuant to C.R.S.A. § 25-3.5-314.

G. Legacy Clause. If, on or after July 1, 2024, the Board relinquishes its authority to regulate ambulance services within the County to the state of Colorado by submitting an "opt out" form as required by the state of Colorado, this Resolution shall remain in full force in effect unless the Board determines otherwise through a written resolution.

H. Interpretation of Terms. Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Resolution Concerning Ambulance Services And Emergency Medical Services.

THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS, ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE 2024, BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD OF PHILLIPS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF PHILLIPS, COLORADO

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