ATTACHMENT C – Multi-Jurisdictional Air Service Provider

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REGULATORY CHANGES:
1. (Marker) Establish STATEWIDE Trauma Triage Criteria.
2. (Marker) Establish a standardized STATEWIDE scope of practice (may be expanded scope of practice) for flight critical care transport paramedics.
3. (Marker) Establish standardized STATEWIDE; Standardized Operating Procedures for authorized flight RNs (e.g. MICN).

   - Title 22, Div. 9, Chapter 8 Require Air Ambulance providers based in California shall be CAMTS accredited. The timeline to bring current Air Ambulance providers into compliance by __________ is outlined below.
   - Documentation shall be submitted demonstrating that each of the following steps have been completed by the date identified:
     i. Initial application submitted to CAMTS.
     ii. Complete and submit Program Information Form (PIF) to CAMTS.
     iii. Site Visit and CAMTS Accreditation process completed.
   - New Providers coming into the region will be held to this standard, according to the continuous timeline below:
     a. Within a year of the date on the Provider Agreement – Initial application submitted to CAMTS.
     b. One year after Initial application being submitted – Complete and have PIF submitted to CAMTS.
     c. Six months from the PIF being submitted, complete Site Visit and CAMTS Accreditation process.

   - Public Safety agencies are required to document equivalency to AAMS safety Guidelines by June 2009.
4. Establish the following definitions:
   a. DEFINITIONS:
      i. "Authorizing EMS Agency" as used in this Chapter, means the agency that "Authorizes" Multi-Jurisdictional Air Service Providers that are based outside their region that are assigned primary response to a designated service area, transporting routinely patients from or within the Authorizing EMS Agency’s jurisdiction, this does not include mutual aid providers.
      ii. "Designated dispatch center" as used in this Chapter means an agency which has been designated by the authorizing local EMS agency for the purpose of coordinating requests for EMS Aircraft, including requests for "Multi-jurisdictional Air Service Providers" to the scene of a medical emergency within the jurisdiction of the local authorizing EMS agency.
      iii. "Interfacility Transport" means transporting a patient from Acute Care Facility to Acute Care Facility.
      iv. "Multi-jurisdictional Air Service Provider" is a provider of “Air Ambulance Services” or “Air Rescue Services” that has obtained EMS Aircraft Air Ambulance status from the "Primary EMS Agency," is based in that jurisdiction, and is assigned primary response to a designated service area; routinely transports patients within multiple jurisdictions. (Ref: Title 22, Chapter 8, §100288 & §100290)
      v. "Multi-jurisdictional Flight Accreditation/Authorization” means accreditation/authorization of the paramedic and/or authorization of the flight nurse, to practice as the medical flight crew, by the Primary EMS Agency only for Multi-jurisdictional Air Service Providers’ staff to practice as a flight paramedic or as a flight nurse within the jurisdictions authorized for that base of operations.
      vi. "Primary EMS Agency" as used in this Chapter, means the agency that classifies a Multi-jurisdictional Air Service Provider.
   b. GENERAL PROVISIONS (Application of Chapter):
      i. The Primary EMS Agency
(a) Establishes and maintains the following:
(i) Standard Drug and Equipment List
(ii) Maintains Medical Control
(iii) Approves Authorized RN (e.g., MICN) Standardized Operating Procedures
(iv) Standardized Paramedic Protocol (may include expanded scope). This language is in effect until superseded by a standardized STATEWIDE scope of practice.
(v) Primary CQI and data collection processes
(vi) Primary investigative authority
(b) Collaborates through interagency agreements with authorizing EMS Agencies for establishing the following:
(i) Establishes primary CQI and data collection process.
(ii) Maintains primary Investigation process.
(c) May charge the appropriate fees to cover costs associated with any Multi-jurisdictional Air Service Providers.

The Authorizing EMS Agency (H&SC §1797.218)
(a) May designate a “Dispatch Center(s)” within its jurisdiction to coordinate requests for EMS Aircraft, including requests for “Multi-jurisdictional Air Service Providers.” “May designate a “Dispatch Center” within its jurisdiction to coordinate requests for air ambulance or air rescue response, including requests for “Multi-jurisdictional Service Providers.”
(b) Establishes destination policy for patient transports originating from or within the Authorizing EMS Agency’s jurisdiction.
(c) Receives or ability to access data in “universal” format.
(d) Collaborates with Primary EMS Agency through an interagency agreement(s) to establish the following for Multi-jurisdictional Air Service Provider:
(i) CQI Process
(ii) Data collection process.
(iii) Provides avenue for CQI
(iv) Mechanism (interagency agreement) for Investigation process.

The Multi-jurisdictional Air Service Provider: Air Ambulance based in that jurisdiction and routinely transports patients from or to other jurisdictions.
(a) Shall have a provider agreements with each agency where a base of operations is located or where a Multi-jurisdictional Air Service Provider is assigned primary response to a designated area within an authorizing EMS Agency’s jurisdiction.
(b) Shall have at a minimum a (board certified? board eligible? Emergency/critical care?) physician, licensed in the state of California, who functions as the Medical Director.
(c) Shall develop Standardized RN Operating Procedures (MICN SOPs) with a process for input by each Authorizing Local EMS agency where a base is located for that Multi-jurisdictional Service Provider. The Primary EMS Agency’s Medical Director will have final approval. This language is in effect until superseded by standardized STATEWIDE Standardized Operating Procedures for authorized flight RNs (e.g., MICN).
(d) Shall provide data to both the primary and authorizing EMS Agencies.1
(e) Establish standardized data elements (NEMSIS/CEMSIS) for Air Service Providers.
(f) Establish a format for EMS Aircraft data exports.

STANDARDS:
1. Establish a STATEWIDE CCRP CURRICULUM standard.

SOFTWARE:
(Marker) Establish STATEWIDE Web-based data system with username and passwords for local EMS Agencies:

1 (Marker) Establish a universal format for EMS Aircraft data exports.
2 (Marker) Establish standardized data elements (NEMSIS/CEMSIS) for Air Service providers.
i All EMS Aircraft Air service providers will download their data to a single STATEWIDE web-based database.

ii Local EMS Agencies will be provided access to STATEWIDE database with ability to run reports on data from patient transport calls originating in their region to run reports/queries on Air Service Providers servicing their jurisdiction.
“MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL AIR SERVICE PROVIDER”

**EMS Authority**
(Classifies CHP/CDF)

**Primary EMS Agency**
(Classifies all EMS Aircraft providers based in their region)

**Agency**
(Authorizes all EMS AIRCRAFT providers that transports (see explanation) patients within their region.)

1. “Classifies” Multi-jurisdictional Air Service Provider.
2. Maintains Medical Control.
4. Approves authorized RN (e.g., MICN) expanded Scope of Practice.
5. Establishes primary CQI process.
6. Maintains primary investigative authority.

1. “Authorizes” Multi-Jurisdictional Air Service Providers that are based outside their region that transports patients (see explanation) from or within their jurisdiction.
2. May designate a “Dispatch Center” within it’s jurisdiction to coordinate requests for air ambulance or air rescue response, including requests for “Multi-jurisdictional Service Providers.”
3. Establishes Destination policy for patient transports originating within their jurisdiction.
4. Receives (Ability to access) data in universal format.
5. Provides mechanism (Interagency agreement) for CQI issues.
6. Mechanism (Inter-agency agreement) for investigation process.