



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: March 3, 2026

DATE: February 11, 2026

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Amendment #1 to Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue Service Agreement, an agreement for interfacility ambulance transfers and emergent transfers between Northern Nevada Medical Center, Northern Nevada Sierra Medical Center, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Amendment #1 updates billing requirements, adds a definition for emergent transfer, and extends the term of the Agreement for an additional three (3) years. This item also includes a recommendation to repeal the Ambulance Billing Rate Sheets adopted by the Board on December 17, 2019, and July 11, 2023, as they are outdated. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve Amendment #1 to Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue Service Agreement, an agreement for interfacility ambulance transfers and emergent transfers between Northern Nevada Medical Center, Northern Nevada Sierra Medical Center (collectively called “Northern Nevada Health System”), and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Amendment #1 updates billing requirements, adds a definition for emergent transfer, and extends the term of the Agreement for an additional three (3) years. As part of this item, the Board is also recommended to repeal the Ambulance Billing Rate Sheets adopted by the Board on December 17, 2019 and July 11, 2023, as they are outdated and unnecessary. The Agreement indicates that the District’s rates are to be billed at the most current rates approved by the District Board of Health as of the date of service. Accordingly, it is not necessary to maintain a separate fee schedule, as the rates track the rates under REMSA’s franchise agreement, as those rates may be amended from time to time.

PREVIOUS ACTION

December 17, 2019, the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) approved an Ambulance Transport Rate schedule for Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District when transporting patients on Emergency Medical Services type calls.

July 11, 2023, the Board approved the “Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue Service Agreement”, an agreement for interfacility ambulance transfers and emergent transfers between the Northern Nevada

Health System and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. The Board also approved a revised Ambulance Billing Rate Sheet incorporating non-emergent ambulance transport/transfer fees.

BACKGROUND

In 2023, the District entered into a Service Agreement with Northern Nevada Health System, an umbrella name that encompasses Northern Nevada Medical Center and Northern Nevada Sierra Medical Center, as well as the existing and future freestanding emergency departments. Northern Nevada Health System is requesting additional responses from the District and would like to approve an amendment to the existing Agreement to update billing requirements and clarify what constitutes an “emergent transfer.” The District is in agreement with these changes. In addition, the District is asking the Board to approve an extension of the term of the Agreement for an additional three (3) years.

The District is authorized to offer ambulance transfers within REMSA’s franchise agreement service area through a separate agreement between the District and REMSA. The District has previously approved a fee schedule to align with REMSA’s fees, ensuring clear and transparent billing practices. The District had only revised the fee schedule in the past when other changes were made to the transport agreement. This caused a disparity between the District’s fee schedule and REMSA billing. Accordingly, the District is seeking approval to repeal the prior fee schedules as they are outdated and no longer needed.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no significant fiscal change from approving this amendment to the original contract. The District included an estimated amount for reimbursements from the Northern Nevada Medical Center and Northern Nevada Sierra Medical Center in the annual budget. This amendment is not expected to impact the revenue estimates in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY25/26) budget, and all costs will remain within the FY25/26 budget of the District’s Emergency Medical Services Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve Amendment #1 to Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue Service Agreement, an agreement for interfacility ambulance transfers and emergent transfers between Northern Nevada Medical Center, Northern Nevada Sierra Medical Center, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Amendment #1 updates billing requirements, adds a definition for emergent transfer, and extends the term of the Agreement for an additional three (3) years. Staff also recommends the Board repeal the Ambulance Billing Rate Sheets adopted by the Board on December 17, 2019 and July 11, 2023, as they are outdated.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation a possible motion could be:

“I move to approve Amendment #1 to Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue Service Agreement, an agreement for interfacility ambulance transfers and emergent transfers between Northern Nevada Medical Center, Northern Nevada Sierra Medical Center, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Amendment #1 updates billing requirements, adds a definition for emergent transfer, and extends the term of the Agreement for an additional three (3) years. I further move to repeal the Ambulance Billing Rate Sheets adopted by the Board on December 17, 2019 and July 11, 2023.”