

2014 EMS INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

INDEX OF CHANGES

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<sup>1</sup> With the economic recession, the CPI National All Items has not kept pace with the cost of ambulance operations (e.g., fuel, medical supplies and equipment, employee healthcare benefits). Surrounding county ambulance franchise contracts adjust rates as follows: Washington County uses 25% of each: All Items, Fuels & Utilities, Motor Fuels, Medical Care; Multnomah County uses 45 percent of the Transportation index; 45 percent of the Medical Care index; 100 percent of the All Components index; Clackamas County uses a rate evaluation process that makes adjustments based on changes in the CPI, payor mix, changes in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and extraordinary changes including items beyond the contractor’s control or changes in contract requirements.

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<sup>2</sup> RCW 36.32.480 (3) The members of the county legislative authority shall compose the governing body of any emergency medical service district which is created within the county: PROVIDED, That where an emergency medical service district includes an area within the corporate limits of a city or town, the emergency medical service district may be governed as provided in an interlocal agreement adopted pursuant to chapter [39.34](#) RCW.

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