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Board of County Commissioners
Summit County, Colorado
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Commissioners,

On behalf of our organizations, we would like to offer a brief preview of our proposed Emergency Medical Services model ahead of our pending license applications. To begin with, it is imperative to highlight the countless planning hours that have gone into this design, best characterized by unprecedented cooperation between all stakeholders. We are very proud of this effort and are confident in our analysis and strategy moving forward. Through these relationships, all partners, including Summit County Government, Summit Fire & EMS, Red, White & Blue Fire Rescue, St. Anthony's Summit Medical Center, local clinics, Centura Health Flight for Life, and Stadium Medical have each added critical capacity or value to the equation.

Our primary goal of this design is equilibrium between all service demands, balancing the needs of the patient with the safety of our providers. Having a shared appraisal of resource capability and acceptable risk, we have composed an agreement that we feel will maintain the highest quality of care, increase the safety of our providers, and create better efficiencies through the management of resources. We envision a system that becomes increasingly predictive as we evolve, affording all providers enhanced stability and sustainability.


As recommended through the ESCI study, all ambulance responses, with the exception of levels two and three out-of-county transports, will adhere to the closest available unit premise. In the case of the latter, we have solicited the services of third-party providers, Stadium Medical and Flight for Life, to supplement local resources and help minimize the risk associated with out-of-county transports; including sleep deprivation and exhaustion, which are now being attributed to mental health and cancer risks. In partnership, both Fire Districts have apportioned

a segment of their respective out-of-county opportunities to these cooperators in order to bring this concept to fruition. During peak demand, the cooperators will focus their engagement on Breckenridge Medical Center needs during the day and Summit Medical Center throughout the evening and following morning. In addition, all stakeholders have agreed to redesigned out-of-county transport criteria as well as a Ground Transport Risk Assessment Screening Tool, establishing an objective basis for service requests and a more exacting response.

Given the multitude of adaptations and compromises made by all partners, we have further agreed to evaluate the efficacy of this plan on a more frequent basis throughout the upcoming ski season. With so many variables and changes in place, we have committed to each other to maintain a collaborative dialogue if any entity begins to experience disequilibrium in the system. We are committed to each other and to the success of this plan. We thank you for the trust and confidence you have afforded us in this process and look forward to consummating this plan through our requests for licensure.



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