APPENDIX I. DEFINITIONS

Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support

"Advanced life support" and "basic life support" mean the same as defined in the California Health and Safety Code. (State of California Health and Safety Code Section 1797.52 and 1797.60)

Ambulance

"Ambulance" means a motor vehicle, helicopter, or similar vehicle, specifically constructed, modified, equipped, or arranged and operated for the purpose of transporting patients requiring immediate or ongoing medical services. (Section 4-9-2(b) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Ambulance Contract Cities

"Ambulance contract cities" means those incorporated jurisdictions in the County of Orange which have adopted the County of Orange "Model" Ambulance Ordinance and have entered into an Agreement with the County of Orange for the County to provide ambulance regulation and licensing. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency)

Ambulance Service

"Ambulance Service" means the activity, business or service, for hire, profit, or otherwise, of transporting one or more persons by ambulance; provided, however, ambulance service shall not include the transportation by ambulance by an employer of his or her own employees in an ambulance owned and operated by the employer solely for this purpose. (Section 4-9-2(c) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Ambulance Service Operator

"Ambulance service operator" means any person who operates or owns an ambulance service. (Section 4-9-2(e) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Attendant

"Attendant" means a trained, qualified individual who, regardless of whether he or she also serves as driver, is responsible for the care of patients. (Section 4-9-2(e) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Basic Life Support Medical Record (BLS Medical Record)

"Basic life support medical record" means the Department approved basic life support report form. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency)

Basic Life Support Unit (BLS Unit)

"Basic life support unit" means an ambulance operated by personnel certified to the level of EMT-IA. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency)

County

"County" means the County of Orange, State of California. (Section 4-9-2(f) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Department

"Department" means the Emergency Medical Services Agency of the Health Care Agency of the County of Orange. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency)

Dispatcher

"Dispatcher" means an individual employed by an ambulance service operator responsible for sending an ambulance to provide ambulance service to a patient. (Section 4-9-2(h) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Driver

"Driver" means an attendant who drives or pilots an ambulance. (Section 4-9-2(i) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Emergency

"Emergency" means a sudden, unforeseen event giving rise to a need for ambulance service with basic or advanced life support services. (Section 4-9-2(j) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Emergency Response

"Emergency response" means a vehicle is displaying emergency warning devices in accordance with a the California Vehicle Code and is responding to or from a potentially life-threatening incident. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency)

Emergency Response Area

"Emergency response area" means a geographical location specified by the Fire Chief within which emergency service may be provided under a license. (Section 4-9-2(k) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Emergency Service

"Emergency service" means ambulance service performed in response to a request for immediate emergency care. (Section 4-9-2(1) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Emergency Transport

"Emergency Transport" means the ambulance transportation of a patient requiring immediate emergency medical care from the incident scene to a paramedic receiving center.

Health Officer

"Health Officer" means the Orange County Health Officer or the Medical Director designated by the Board of Supervisors of Orange County to perform the Health Officer's functions. (Section 4-9-2(n) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances.) For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, the Health Officer shall mean the Medical Director of the OCEMS Agency.

Item of Non-Compliance

"Item of non-compliance" means a requirement specified in Division 9 Title 4 of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances, applicable city ordinance or any rule and regulation promulgated pursuant to said ordinances which the Department has identified that a licensee does not meet. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency)

Licensee

"Licensee" means an ambulance service operator who has been granted a license to provide ambulance service or certified EMT who has been granted a license pursuant to Section 4-9-11 of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances. (Section 4-9-2(o) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

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"Medical services" means services provided by health care professionals licensed pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code or as specified by regulations adopted pursuant to Division 9 Title 4 of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances. (Section 4-9-2(p) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Notice of Non-Compliance

"Notice of non-compliance" means a notice issued to a licensee when the licensee has not complied with provisions of Division 9 Title 4 of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances, or rules and regulations promulgated under such ordinances or any applicable contract city ordinance. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency)

Orange County Communications (OCC)

"Orange County Communications (OCC)" means the Communication Division of the County of Orange Sheriff-Coroner Department. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency.)

Ordinance(s)

"Ordinance(s)" means Division 9 Title 4 of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances and the city ordinances identified in Article I Section 102 of the County of Orange Ambulance Regulations. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency)

Paramedic

"Paramedic" means the same as defined in the California Health and Safety Code. (State of California Health and Safety Code Section 1797.84)

Patient

"Patient" means a wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or otherwise incapacitated person. (Section 4-9-2(r) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Public Safety Agency

"Public safety agency" means any public law enforcement agency, fire protection agency, or forest ranger operating in the County (Section 4-9-2(w) of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances)

Rule(s) and Regulation(s)

"Rule(s) and Regulation(s)" means the County of Orange Ambulance Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant to Division 9 Title 4 of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances and applicable city ordinances. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency)

Violation

"Violation" means a failure by a licensee, as determined by the Health Officer, to comply with any rule or regulation established under the authority of Division 9 Title 4 of the County of Orange Codified Ordinances or applicable city ordinance or any provision of Division 9 Title 4 the County of Orange Codified Ordinances or applicable city ordinance. The finding of a violation may, but does not automatically require license suspension or revocation. (Health Care Agency/Emergency Medical Services Agency)

NOTE:	Authority Cited for Definitions: Section 4-9-2(a) through (u) of the County Orange Codified Ordinances; California Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.52, 1797.60, and 1797.84; Ambulance Contract City Ordinances.

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