

Cost Report questions:

- 1) What type of budget items would be listed in the Schedule 6? Is there a list or categories that can be accessed?
- 2) What items would go in Schedule 7?
- 3) Would the Bad Debt Write Offs listed on the MENDS report from Wittman qualify as Bad Debt on Schedule 5, line 37?
- 4) The cost of our medical director, our electronic Patient Care Reporting System and our EMS billing company: are they considered MTS or Non-MTS?
- 5) The Fire Department does not have its own CAFR . . . we are part of the City of Burbank CAFR and have only one line item total in the document. Novato's example of how they tie their numbers back to their CAFR won't work for us. What would you recommend? Is it ok if we use a different financial report generated by our Finance Department?
- 6) How do we calculate salaries for positions? Do we calculate individuals' salaries or by an average salary by position? Specifically, our FFPM's rotate between working on the engine and ambulance every 9 shifts. If we have to calculate based on individuals' salaries, I'm not sure how that would work amongst the FFPM rank.
- 7) We don't have clearly-defined indirect personnel costs from the previous years. How do we establish what the appropriate allocation per position is, then, for any shared positions?
- 8) Has anyone created a "to do" list for all the required times in the annual cost report?
- 9) Are there any "cities" willing to share their completed cost reports?
- 10) Can our billing agency be the program administrator and contact for the GEMT program?
- 11) On the cost reports, for the sheet for "Non-MTS related expenditures" should this include every other city expense, even all those unrelated to these type of services (in other words, should "NON-MTS related expenses include all of our other costs in the General Fund such as Police, Beaches, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Engineering, etc.)? Do we also need to include information from our other Funds here, such as Water Utilities, Sewer Operations, Special Assessment Districts, etc.?
- 12) For a Fire Department, whose salaries and fringe benefits should we enter under Schedule 4? The form listed the positions of "Administrative Chief," "Chief," "Non-MTS salaries." But wouldn't all of those positions already be reported under either Schedule 2 (MTS) or Schedule 3 (non-MTS)?
- 13) What is the difference between Reclassification (Schedule 6) and Adjustment (Schedule 7)?
- 14) In Schedule 8 (Revenue and Funding), do I list all Fire Department revenues and grant awards? Or just those that are related to MTS or GEMT, such as ambulance billing?

GEMT Reimbursement:

- 15) After we have submitted claims, what is the estimated turn-around time for receiving reimbursements?
- 16) What is the status of the reimbursement program for EMS costs incurred for services rendered by first responders? Will GEMT and that program operate in the same fashion or are there differences in program management?
- 17) How/when will we be reimbursed?
- 18) By whom will we be reimbursed?
- 19) When do they predict we will see the first round of reimbursements? Prior to June 2014 or after?

- 20) What is the future of GEMT with regard to reimbursement for Medi-Cal HMO transports?
- 21) What is the future of GEMT with regard to reimbursement for suppression costs?
- 22) If, in the future, we do an internal audit and find our rates for reimbursement need to be adjusted up and/or down will that be allowed?

Miscellaneous:

- 23) With the understanding of the clarification provided during the GEMT phone conference on 10/21 – that personnel costs are allocatable only if personnel are 100% tied to ambulance transport, and do not have a dual function (such as fire suppression) . . . an inconsistency seems to exist:
 - SPA 09-024 states in the definitions area, page 2, #7, that “GEMT Services means both the act of transporting . . . as well as the advanced, limited-advanced, and basic life support services provided to an individual by GEMT providers before or during the act of transportation.”
 - If staff personnel have allocatable costs based on a percentage towards MTS costs, why can't floor personnel, such as paramedics or other crew members involved in preparing the patient for transport, also have a certain percentage allocated? For example, on the phone conference today, an agency mentioned that they are allocating a BC as 50-50. Paramedics provide directly-related services by actually treating the patient before and during the act of transportation, so aren't they similar to the BC or MTS staff personnel?
- 24) What kind of calculation formula for future claims will be acceptable for cities who have contracted out the provision of the GEMT services?
- 25) Will GEMT apply to Medi-Cal HMOs?
- 26) What's a State License Number? I'm aware of our NPI# and our Legacy/Provider# . . . But what's the State License Number?
- 27) We send both an engine and an ambulance to respond to EMS calls. I understand that overall the engine response cannot be counted in our GEMT program costs; however, can we (and if so, how do we) account for the times a FFPM moves from the engine to the ambulance during an ALS transport?
- 28) Can deadlines be extended? Reports will be very time consuming and are during time when most agencies are preparing financial statements.
- 29) You provided information on eligibility for public providers that contract for the provision of GEMT services with private providers. Can you clarify whether this information holds true if a “public provider” contracts for the GEMT services with a different “public provider” as opposed to a private provider (e.g. a local city agency contracting with Orange County Fire Authority)?
- 30) Are Medi-Cal HMO transports eligible for the program or just Medi-Cal transports?
- 31) With this being an Entitlement program vs. an Appropriations program will it be affected by the Affordable Care Act?
- 32) I am of the understanding that all 911 Medi-Cal-only patients qualify for GEMT and all “only” Medi-Cal non-emergency patients that are being transported for treatment would GEMT qualify. Is this correct?
- 33) Can you please walk us through the host agency reimbursement process? What does the host agency do for us on an annual basis and how are their costs determined?