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**Providing Medical Support Services to National Football League Teams**

The National Football League (NFL) has developed a relatively complex system for providing medical support on the field and during travel for visiting teams. With the movement of two NFL teams to Los Angeles County (County), representatives from one team, the Chargers, have approached personnel from the Department of Health Services (DHS) regarding providing medical support both on and off the field in the period immediately surrounding games. This is a high profile activity and the request for this support demonstrates a high regard for DHS physicians and emergency care providers. DHS leadership believes that having DHS personnel provide this support to the NFL teams will reflect well on DHS and the County.

NFL procedures for medical support include the provision of separate on-field medical teams for both the home and visiting teams, with physicians assigned to a variety of roles, including a medical liaison, neurotrauma physician, and airway management physician. The Chargers have approached the Department of Emergency Medicine at

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Harbor-UCLA Medical Center to initially provide a physician as a medical liaison for visiting teams; the position requires a physician be available for consultation and assist the facilitation of care while a visiting team is in the area, for the days before a game and a short period thereafter. The medical liaison role, as well as the other roles, requires an on-field presence during games and response availability for pre-game practices. Generally, a small core group of physicians are identified to fill the various medical positions during a season, per team. Only one physician is required for each role.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS), or his designee, to execute and/or amend agreements with National Football League (NFL) teams and/or the NFL, in the form provided by the NFL, to allow DHS physicians, within the scope of their professional activities, to provide medical support services in Los Angeles County with reimbursement amounts established by the NFL and offered to all other medical support entities, subject to agreement by the County; all agreements and amendments are not to exceed a five-year period and subject to prior review, approval as to form by County Counsel, and written notification to the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Executive Officer.

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