

Clackamas County Ambulance Service Plan

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Ambulance Service Plans

Counties are required by Oregon Revised Statute to develop and maintain an Ambulance Service Plan for its jurisdiction (ORS 682.062).

The purpose of the Ambulance Service Plan:

- Establish & coordinate ambulance services within a county
- Ensure high quality care & appropriate response
- Establish requirements for EMS & 911 services operating in the County
- Set educational, training & quality improvement standards

BCC Responsibilities

The Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners have authority regarding the Ambulance Service plan through Oregon Revised Statutes and County Code.

- ORS 203.035: Board may by ordinance exercise authority with the county over matters of county concern.
- ORS 682.062 and 682.063: statutory requirement that each county shall develop an ambulance service plan.
- County Code Chapter 10.01 references reserving the right of the BCC to
 - Change boundaries of ASAs or create other ASAs
 - Change system elements
 - Change coordination provisions
 - Change ambulance provider selection procedure or standards, or service provisions

Highlight of Changes Made to ASP

- Updated Ambulance Service Area (ASA) boundary descriptions & maps
- Merged non-ASA areas served by Woodburn Ambulance into Canby & Molalla ASAs
- Added Language for BLS transport units to include staffing and response time requirements
- Added clinical performance standards
- Added clinical innovation language to include nurse triage, tele-medicine, and community paramedicine.
- Added performance review process language for contracted ambulance service provider
- Added language to reduce dispatching of first responders to low acuity calls
- Added language to support reduction in lights and sirens responses

Note: 12 of Cambridge Consulting's 21 recommendations have been incorporated into this update.

Next Steps and BCC Options

- Ambulance Service Plans are required to receive initial approval by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA)
 - ✓ This plan has received OHA approval.
- Clackamas County's Ambulance Service Plan is in County Code (Chapter 10.01). To update it requires two public hearings and BCC approval during Board Business Meetings.

Board Options

1. Approve the Ambulance Service Plan and schedule two public hearings to approve in County Code.
2. Instruct staff to modify the Ambulance Service Plan and return with revisions at an upcoming BCC Policy Session.