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Ms. Caroline Siskowie, Financial Analyst Grand Prairie Fire Department 1525 Arkansas Lane, 3rd Floor Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Subject: Approval for Participation in Ambulance Services Supplemental Payment Program

Dear Ms. Siskowie:

Thank you for your interest in the Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program (ASPP). Grand Prairie Fire Department's application for participation in the cost reconciliation and settlement process for public ambulance providers has been approved. As specified in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, Part 15, Chapter 355, SubChapter J, Division 5, Rule 8081 and Division 31, Rule 8600, a governmental ambulance provider may begin to claim uncompensated care costs related to services provided on or after the first day of the month after the request for eligibility is approved. The effective date of your agencies approval is April 30, 2015.

Cost Report (CR) information for Governmental Ambulance Providers will be posted to the Health and Human Services (HHSC) Acute Care website along with the cost report template and the corresponding instructions. Mandatory training attendance will be required for all participating governmental providers and will be provided prior to the cost report due date. Training dates and notices will be posted and will be accessible through the website. You may access and download the information by utilizing the following link:

http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/acute-care/index.shtml.

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The list below includes the cost report reporting period and applicable due dates for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2015. Please note the first cost report due is a partial year cost report for November 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 of FFY 2015.

Cost Report Reporting Period	FFY	Cost Report Due Date(s)
May 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015	2015	March 31, 2016

With the approval of the 1115 Waiver, otherwise known as the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program (the 1115 transformation waiver) Ambulance providers will be eligible to submit cost reports that include uncompensated care costs. The applicable federal fiscal year ASPP cost report instructions and the cost report template will be available on the HHSC Acute Care Website shortly. Providers will be notified via email once the information is available.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Brabandt at (512) 730-7461 or by e-mail at sandra.brabandt@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Dan Huggins

Director, Acute Care Services Rate Analysis Department

cc: David Mead, PCG