

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between **County of Jack**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("County"), and **Jack County Hospital District**, a hospital district organized under the laws of the State of Texas ("District"). The County and the District may be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish the terms under which the District shall provide Emergency Medical Services ("EMS"), including ground ambulance transportation and coordination with air ambulance services, to residents and visitors within Jack County in order to ensure timely access to emergency medical care.

2. AUTHORITY

This MOU is entered pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Texas governing counties, hospital districts, and the provision of emergency medical services, including but not limited to statutes authorizing intergovernmental cooperation.

2A. PROVIDER INFORMATION

The EMS provider under this MOU is **Jack County Hospital District**, doing business as **Faith Community Hospital EMS** ("District EMS"). District EMS is a hospital-based emergency medical service located at Faith Community Health Systems, 226 Chisholm Trail, Jacksboro, Texas 76458, telephone 940-567-6633 ext. 336. District EMS operates under Texas EMS Provider License No. 119004 and is licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The District's federal tax identification number is 1336237890.

District EMS is designated as the sole EMS provider for rural Jack County, Texas. Its primary service area encompasses approximately 920 square miles of Jack County, including the communities of Jacksboro, Perrin, Gibtown, Joplin, Wizard Wells, Cundiff, Postoak, Antelope, Jermyn, and Bryson. District EMS responds to approximately 1,600 requests for service annually, including an estimated 350 interfacility or out-of-county transfers for patients requiring higher levels of care. This MOU is entered pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Texas governing counties, hospital districts, and the provision of emergency medical services, including but not limited to statutes authorizing intergovernmental cooperation.

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

BY _____ DEPUTY



3. TERM

This MOU shall become effective on February 1, 2026 (the "Effective Date") and shall remain in effect for an initial term of two years, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Section 14. The MOU may be renewed by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

4. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Services under this MOU shall be provided throughout the geographic boundaries of Jack County, Texas. The Parties acknowledge that the District serves as the County's designated EMS provider and that services are structured to ensure continuous countywide emergency medical response and medically necessary transport.

4.1 Ground Ambulance Services

The District shall provide ground ambulance services within Jack County, including:

- Emergency response to 9-1-1 calls and other authorized dispatches;
- On-scene patient assessment, stabilization, and treatment within the scope of applicable EMS protocols;
- Transportation of patients to appropriate medical facilities when medically necessary.

4.2 Transportation to Regional Hospitals

When medically indicated, the District shall transport patients to the regional hospital or other appropriate healthcare facilities based on patient condition, medical necessity, physician direction (when available), and established EMS protocols.

4.3 Coordination with Air Ambulance Services

The District shall coordinate with licensed air ambulance providers for transportation of patients to critical care centers or specialty facilities when ground transportation is not clinically appropriate or timely. Such coordination shall include:

- Activation of air medical services in accordance with medical necessity and protocols;
- Communication and coordination with dispatch, receiving facilities, and air medical crews;
- Documentation of medical justification for air transport.



5. LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS

The District shall provide EMS in accordance with:

- All applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations;
- Standards established by the state EMS authority;
- Medical control and treatment protocols approved by the District's Medical Director;
- Reasonable response time objectives mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

6. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

The District shall staff and operate a minimum of two (2) BLS/MICU-designated ambulances on a 24-hour-per-day, 7-day-per-week, 365-day-per-year basis. Each ambulance shall be staffed to deliver continuous Advanced Life Support (ALS) level care consistent with state licensure, medical direction, and approved clinical protocols. The District shall ensure that all EMS personnel are appropriately licensed, certified, and trained, and that all ambulances, medical equipment, and supplies are maintained in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and industry standards. The District shall ensure that all EMS personnel are appropriately licensed, certified, and trained. The District shall supply and maintain ambulances, medical equipment, and supplies necessary to provide services under this MOU.

7. MEDICAL CONTROL

The District shall designate a qualified Medical Director to provide medical oversight, establish clinical protocols, and ensure quality assurance and improvement activities.

8. DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATIONS

EMS responses under this MOU shall be dispatched through the Jack County Communications Dispatch. The Parties shall cooperate to ensure effective communication and interoperability.

9. FINANCIAL TERMS

9.1 Compensation

None, but discussion for compensation is appropriate upon the request to enhance services by either party.

9.2 Billing and Collections

The District may bill patients, insurers, Medicare, Medicaid, or other payors for EMS services in accordance with applicable law. Nothing in this MOU guarantees payment for services rendered.



10. RECORDS AND REPORTING

The District shall maintain patient care records and operational data as required by law. The District shall provide the County with periodic reports regarding service levels, response times, and utilization, subject to patient privacy laws.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY AND HIPAA

The Parties shall comply with all applicable patient privacy and confidentiality requirements, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and related regulations.

12. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

The District shall maintain insurance coverage customary for EMS providers, including professional liability and automobile liability. Each Party shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its own officers, employees, and agents to the extent permitted by law.

13. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent permitted by law, each Party agrees to be responsible for its own negligent acts or omissions. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign or governmental immunity.

14. TERMINATION

This MOU may be terminated:

- By mutual written agreement of the Parties;
- By either Party upon 180 days' written notice to the other Party;
- Immediately for material breach, subject to applicable law.

15. AMENDMENT

This MOU may be amended only by a written instrument executed by authorized representatives of both Parties.

16. INDEPENDENT ENTITIES

The Parties are independent entities, and nothing in this MOU shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship.



17. GOVERNING LAW

This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

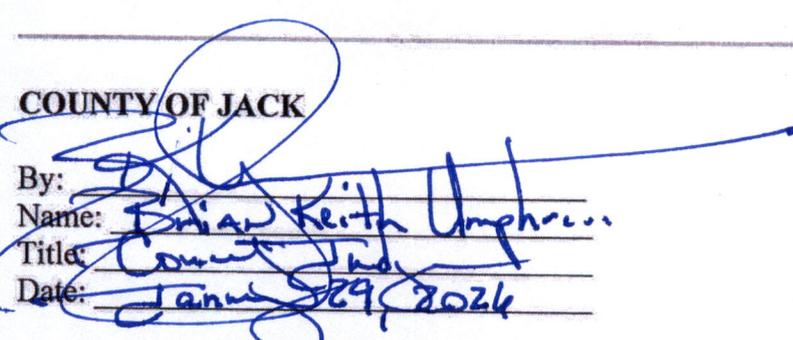
18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOU constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties regarding the subject matter and supersedes all prior discussions or agreements, whether written or oral.

19. AUTHORIZATION

This MOU is executed by the undersigned, who represent that they are duly authorized to bind their respective entities.

COUNTY OF JACK

By: 

Name: Brian Keith Umphress

Title: County Judge

Date: January 29, 2026

JACK COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

By: 

Name: Frank L. Bennett

Title: CEO

Date: 1-29-26