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Robert Mathis
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RE: Code Blue FY25

Dear Robert,

The Code Blue FY25 equipment request submitted by your agency for consideration has gone through a rigorous review process. There have been multiple review steps along the way, which include Southern Region staff, Board of Directors Equipment Review Committee, the Southern Region Board of Directors, and finally the Statewide Code Blue Steering Committee. During these steps, items have been considered based on many established criteria, including whether they are essential EMS equipment as defined in the statewide Code Blue manual (e.g., items for patient care/transport, EMS education, etc.), whether they meet minimum criteria, reasonableness of the request, application to the community setting, documentation of need, costs, how they fit into regional and statewide priorities, medical direction, and a host of others. In addition, there are always more requests than can ultimately be funded, so some simply do not make the list or their funding is capped.

The portion of funding we receive from the State via the Governor's Capital Equipment bill is currently pending in the legislative process. Once we have been notified, we will be contacting you to see if you still need the items and if you still have the community match available.

If your item is listed below as **Approved**, your project(s) are on the State Code Blue Equipment list and pending grant processes. If it is **Changed**, it was altered within the review process and an explanation will be detailed below. If it is listed as **Not Funded**, it will not be considered in this Code Blue phase and an explanation will be detailed below.

Item	Status	Local Match*	STATE	Unmet*	Total
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*Your service is responsible for both the local match and any unmet funds.

** The Statewide Code Blue Steering Committee moved all requests for **Narcotic Safe** into the "Other" funding category which is lower on the funding scale. The Funding categories in order of priority are: 1 – Patient Care, 2 – Training Equipment, 3 – Transportation, 4 – Communications, 5 – Other per the Code Blue Program Manual. All available funding was allocated in categories 1 – 3 which means no State funding was available for projects in the "Other" category.

Thank you for all you do for EMS in Alaska. At Southern Region, we are working hard to support you in every way that we can.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Forcier, CEO