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Acting Chief Trent Burnett
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Dear Acting Chief Burnett:

The State Office of Emergency Medical Services (SOEMS) has received Federal funds from the America Rescue Plan Act, through the Alaska State Legislature, for reducing patient surge within hospitals in Fairbanks, Juneau, Anchorage, Mat-Su and Kenai Peninsula Boroughs.

Existing emergency medical service agencies can provide critical staffing resources to support hospitals utilizing a Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) model. MIH, or Community Paramedicine, model leverages the skills sets of local EMS staff to work within the scope of practice of their current department protocols to triage and treat in place, transport to alternative destinations for care, or monitor patients at home.

Discussions with leadership from Central Peninsula Hospital (CPH) have identified the following priorities where Nikiski Fire Department could assist with the goal of reducing patient surge on the hospital:

- Paramedic team(s) monitoring post discharged patients
- Monitoring Vitals, Mentation, Oxygen Saturation and Temperature
- Medication Delivery: PO, IV, SQ, IM,
- Out-of-hospital delivery of nebulized treatments, antibiotics, Monoclonal Antibodies

The SOEMS would like to provide your department with financial support to cover the costs of

providing MIH services directly related to administration, coordination, treatments out-of-hospital and the transportation to alternative location as part of reducing surge within CPH.

Please provide a cost proposal, expressed in a monthly rate, that could reasonably cover the costs for Nikiski Fire Department to provide the above listed services to patients that have been discharged from the hospital.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry L. Kadel".

Terry L. Kadel

EMS Programs Specialist