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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

CENTRAL IOWA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RESPONSE SYSTEM ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

The Association

The Central Iowa Emergency Medical Services Response System Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") is hereby established and created as a voluntary organization of counties in the Central Iowa region. All territory embraced within the counties of Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Polk, Story, and Warren, State of Iowa, is hereby designated as the Central Iowa region.

ARTICLE II

Legal Status and Powers

The Association is organized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E, Iowa Code, 1971, as amended, with the power to carry out the purposes hereinafter listed. Under the authority granted, the Association is hereby designated responsibility to set policy, administer, operate, and maintain an eight county Emergency Medical Services Response System in cooperation and coordination with other emergency medical services related providers. In carrying out these responsibilities the Association may contract with appropriate organizations. The system will provide for a proper course of emergency patients from first notification of the system to comprehensive treatment at the appropriate emergency facilities.

Except as otherwise hereinafter provided, the powers of the Association shall be exercised by the representatives or, where appropriate, the alternate representatives, appointed by or agreed to by the representatives.

ARTICLE III

Purposes

The purposes of the Association are as follows:

1. Develop, operate, administer, refine, and maintain a coordinated emergency medical services response system for central Iowa so as to efficiently and effectively assist the various service providers (both directly and indirectly)

of emergency medical services to the central Iowa population.

2. Seek, hold, and dispense funds necessary to accomplish Number 1 above.
3. To maintain liaison with members, government units, emergency medical services providers, and other groups and organizations.
4. To furnish general and technical aid, to promote and accomplish Association approved agreements, policies, and plans.
5. To establish necessary advisory committees as required to strengthen emergency medical services in the eight county area.

ARTICLE IV

Membership - Voting Representation

1. Eligibility: County membership in the Association shall be open to each County Board of Supervisors within the Central Iowa region.
2. Membership: To become a member in the Association a County Board of Supervisors must adopt these Articles of Agreement creating this Association by resolution of its governing body. To retain membership in the Association each member government must comply with the requirements of the Association, including the payment of its pro rata share of the Association's annual financial support.
3. Representation: The Board shall consist of 13 representatives reconfirmed annually by the eight member counties (see a. below) and four non-county organizations. All representatives are eligible for reappointment.
   a. Member County Voting Representatives--The representative of each member county government shall be a member of its governing body or other person, appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to serve at the Board's pleasure and reconfirmed annually in February of each year. Alternate representatives shall be similarly appointed on a temporary or permanent basis, as a member county government shall determine, in numbers not to exceed the number of representatives appointed by that member county government. Persons appointed as alternates for representatives who

are elected officials need not themselves be elected officials. Each county government member shall be entitled to one representative in the Association.

b. Non-County Government Voting Representatives--The following four organizations shall appoint one representative with the exception of the central Iowa eight county ambulance/rescue unit organization which shall appoint two: Commissioner of Public Safety for the State of Iowa, central Iowa eight county ambulance/rescue unit organization, Iowa Hospital Association, a physician appointed by the Governor's EMS Advisory Council.

4. Voting:

a. A quorum of the Association shall be required for the conduct of its business and shall be a simple majority.

b. In the ordinary conduct of the Association's business, each representative in the Association will have one vote, and the majority vote of those representatives present and voting shall decide such matters.

c. Each representative shall have one vote. Alternates shall have voting rights in the absence of the representative.

5. Withdrawal and Readmission:

a. Withdrawal: A member county government may withdraw from membership in the Association when its local governing body requests such withdrawal by resolution, forwarded in writing to the Association. In the event of withdrawal, such government shall not be relieved of its obligation to pay its share of the expenses of the Association for the year in which such withdrawal occurs; and provided further that if such withdrawal occurs during the last six months of the year, such government shall pay its share for half of the following year.

b. Readmission: Any member county government which has withdrawn from the Association and applied for readmission shall pay any delinquent financial obligations owed to the Association prior to readmission, unless such obligation is waived by the Association.

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ARTICLE V

Termination - Disposal of Property

The method to accomplish the partial or complete termination of the Association is by withdrawal of member county governments as set forth above. In the event of partial termination, all property of the Association shall remain with the Association. In the event of complete termination, all property of the Association shall be distributed to the member county governments at the time of such termination based upon the population of each governmental jurisdiction as shown by the most recent federal census.

ARTICLE VI

Fiscal Affairs

1. Budget and Proration: A share of the annual operating budget adopted by the Association shall be prorated among the member county governments based upon usage (based on the total number of emergency and immediate type calls originating in each county) of each as shown by experience records, and submitted to the member county governments at least sixty days prior to the meeting at which such governments adopt their annual budgets. The prorated share for each member county government shall be the same percentage of the whole budget as the county percent of usage of the response system. Semi-annual payment of its prorated share shall be made to the Association on or before the first day of October and the first day of April of each year. Failure to pay its share shall preclude a member from voting on matters before the Association. If such payment is not made before the end of the fiscal year in which due, the member county government shall be deemed to have withdrawn its membership in the Association. In the event that the Association should decide to raise funds from other organizations, then the member share would be calculated accordingly.
2. The Association may cooperate with, contract with, and accept and expend funds from federal, state, and local agencies, public or semi-public, private individuals, and corporations, in the conduct of its business.

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3. The fiscal agent should be designated by the Board (the Polk County Board of Supervisors has been designated the fiscal agent).

ARTICLE VII

Organization - Duties

1. Association-Duties: The duties of the Association are as follows:

   a. To establish general policies and guidelines.

   b. To cause its purposes to be implemented.

   c. To elect the officers of the Association at the annual meeting.

   d. To review and approve, revise, or disapprove, the actions of the Executive Committee taken between Association meetings if such a committee is established by the Association.

   e. To approve the annual operating budget, as well as planning programs to be undertaken by the Association's staff.

   f. To approve each plan, service, or project to be implemented by the Association as set forth in the written agreement therefore approved by and submitted by the member county governments in such service or plan.

   g. To employ an Executive Director and legal counsel.

   h. To adopt and amend by-laws.

2. The officers of the Association shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers other than the Secretary shall be elected from among the appointed representatives for terms of one year each at the annual meeting. The Secretary shall be elected by and serve at the pleasure of the Association and need not be an appointed representative.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings - Quorum

Notice of each meeting of the Association, including the agenda to be considered, shall be mailed to representatives at least six (6) days prior to such meetings. Notice of meetings of committees of the Association shall be given as each committee shall determine.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

The terms and provisions of these Articles of Agreement may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Association at any regular or special meeting called upon notice given pursuant to Article VIII, and approved by resolution by a majority of the governing bodies of the member county governments. If no action is taken for or against said amendment within sixty (60) days after its receipt by such government, it shall be deemed that such government has given its approval to such amendment.

ARTICLE X

Separability

If any one or more of the provisions of these Articles of Agreement is declared unconstitutional or contrary to law, the validity of the remainder hereof shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE XI

Effective Date

The effective date of these Articles of Agreement shall be July 1, 1974.

ARTICLE XII

Duration

The Association shall exist for five years from the effective date and upon approval of the member county government shall be extended another five years, unless previously terminated under Article V.

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY EACH OF THE EIGHT COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AS FOLLOWS:

Gay E. Carlson — Chairman, Boone County Board of Supervisors — July 17, 1974 — Date

Francis Weil — Chairman, Dallas County Board of Supervisors — July 11-1974 — Date

Wayne Taylor — Chairman, Jasper County Board of Supervisors — July 10-1974 — Date

John N. Mahan — Chairman, Madison County Board of Supervisors — July 9-1974 — Date

John E. Ter Louw — Chairman, Marion County Board of Supervisors — July 31, 1974 — Date

Samuel J. Arcania — Vice Chairman, Polk County Board of Supervisors — June 18 1974 — Date

Harold S. Ersland — Chairman, Story County Board of Supervisors — June 25 1974 — Date

Robert Dittmer — Chairman, Warren County Board of Supervisors — July-11-1974 — Date