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Veronica Seymour
Oregon Health Authority – Emergency Medical Services
Professional Standards Representative
800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 305
Portland, OR 97232

Re: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Emergency Services

Dear Ms. Seymour,

On May 5th, 2021, the Yamhill County Ambulance Service Area Committee voted unanimously to approve the operation of ambulance services by Grand Ronde Tribal Emergency Services (GRTES) to the extent this is permitted under state law and the existing Yamhill County Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Plan.

Following a review of the ASA plan and the applicable statutes and regulations, Yamhill County hereby approves GRTES to aid and assist the four franchisees under our current plan through mutual aid agreements. We understand that GRTES is licensed by your agency to provide ambulance services in Polk County; on this basis, we can easily conclude that GRTES qualifies as a “provider” under our ASA plan, which means “any public, private or volunteer entity providing EMS.” Section 6 of our plan — regarding coordination — requires that all four of our ASA franchisees sign mutual aid agreements with each of the providers in this county and all “adjoining counties.” Because Polk County is an adjoining county, GRTES is clearly authorized to operate through these mutual aid agreements in Yamhill County, and our franchisees are obligated to coordinate with GRTES forthwith to form these agreements.

We anticipate GRTES will emerge as a significant provider of emergency medical services in the weeks and months ahead. We look forward to working with GRTES in the event the agency wishes to operate as a franchisee serving tribal lands or other territory throughout the county.

Please feel free to contact us if you need any additional information concerning this approval.

Sincerely,

Mary Starrett
Chair, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

Lindsey Manfrin, DNP, RN
Yamhill County ASA Coordinator

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Board of Commissioners on
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