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Public Statement for Immediate Release

On April 5, 2023, the Morrow County Board of Commissioners declared that the Oregon Health Authority approved Ambulance Service Area Plan is not in effect. Due to the imminent risk of irreparable harm to residents of Morrow County posed by this decision, the Morrow County Health District Board of Directors has voted to pursue legal remedies against Morrow County and Boardman Fire Rescue District.

MCHD's decision was not made lightly as the District has spent the past two years pursuing all possible avenues to collaborate and resolve this dispute in a manner agreeable to all parties. Ultimately, MCHD has an obligation to protect public safety and preserve healthcare services for the entire county. Based on recent local decisions, a formal legal process is now needed to resolve the situation.

MCHD will continue to provide ambulance service countywide until this dispute is legally resolved.

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