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In April of 2023, the Morrow County Board of Commissioners determined that the 2021 Ambulance Service Area Plan (approved by previous Commissioners) was invalid and that the county would revert to operating under the 1998 Ordinance and ASA Plan. This decision was communicated to the Oregon Health Authority, Morrow County Health District, and the public.

The 1998 Ordinance and ASA Plan spell out a process for updating the ASA Plan and selecting service providers. MCHD respectfully asks Morrow County to follow the processes outlined in the 1998 Ordinance and ASA Plan. Below is a summary of the language in the 1998 Ordinance and ASA Plan. A full copy can be viewed here:

<https://www.morrowcountyhealthdistrict.org/public-information-concerning-ambulance-services-in-morrow-county>

Summary of 1998 Ordinance and Ambulance Service Area Plan language regarding updates to the ASA Plan and provider selection:

1. Page 1 of the Ordinance establishes that the Ordinance and the ASA Plan together make of the Morrow County Ambulance Service Area Plan.
2. Pages 2-4 of the Ordinance contain language about provider selection.
3. Page 6 of the Ordinance spells out duties and powers of the EMS Advisory Committee, including reviewing and making recommendations to the County Court regarding all applications for assignment of ambulance service areas. Additionally, 3(d) on Page 6 includes language about review of the ASA Plan. The EMS Advisory Committee did not receive a specific response to its last submitted feedback.
4. Page 4 of the ASA Plan specifically defines the “Court” and the “Board”. See definitions.
5. Page 13 of the ASA Plan specifies a process for continual selection of EMS Advisory Committee members. This process has been in place and followed for many years.
6. Page 14 of the ASA Plan specifies that duties of the QA Subcommittee (of the EMS Advisory Committee) includes recommendations to the Board on amendments to the ASA Plan.
7. Page 17 of the ASA Plan specifically designates the EMS Advisory Committee to **administer** the ASA Plan. It additionally specifies duties related to reviewing and updating the Ordinance and ASA Plan.
8. Page 23 of the ASA Plan spells out a process for providers to apply to serve the ambulance service area. It specifies that the EMS Advisory Committee shall be consulted while evaluating provider applications.
9. Page 25 of the ASA Plan specifies a process to collaborate with a service provider that gives notice vacate the ASA.