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To EMS System Participants

Dear System Participants:

DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM

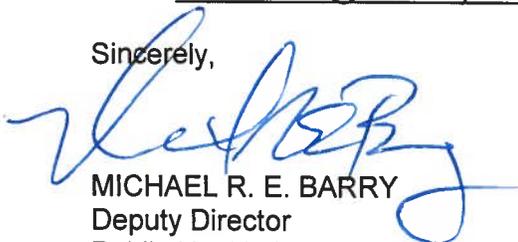
The County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is sending you this communication as a follow up to a previous letter dated August 12, 2016 same subject to provide important information related to an upcoming change in our EMS data collection system. A new data collection system is needed to comply with the California Health and Safety Code Division 2.5 Section 1797.227 and the California EMS Authority (EMSA) requirement for prehospital data to be submitted in the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) compliant format. EMS has finalized the procurement, through the County contracting process, and ImageTrend, Inc. will be providing the support for the County of San Diego Local EMS Information System (CoSD-LEMSIS).

In the early phases of identifying the CoSD-LEMSIS data collection system, EMS and community user groups participated in a prehospital information and communication assessment where key system design characteristics and modules were identified, including system flexibility, inter-operability, configurability, and usability (user-friendliness). Additionally, the system would be cloud based, as well as NEMSIS version 3.4 and Health Level - 7 compliant. While there were very detailed capabilities for each component, the overall characteristics mentioned above were consistently identified throughout the assessment and subsequently prioritized in the procurement of the system through ImageTrend.

Implementation of the system will start with prehospital agencies who are current iQCS users, followed by agencies who wish to transition to the CoSD-LEMSIS. EMS staff will be contacting individual agencies regarding transition to the CoSD-LEMSIS and training, information, and resources will be provided to EMS agencies transitioning to the new system. By October 1, 2016 a webpage will be established to share updates on a routine basis and presentations will be delivered at upcoming EMS committee meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Smith, EMS Coordinator, at 619-285-6409 or by email: susan.smith@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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