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TO: Commission on EMS

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SUBJECT: California EMS Systems Core Measures

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No recommended action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None, however, some local EMS agencies and service providers may continue to experience training and data system revision costs associated with the ongoing reporting of the core measures until they are fully implemented.

DISCUSSION:

EMSA has distributed the Core Measures for 2012 and 2013 data years featuring the Commission approved changes from December. In addition to the Core Measures book, EMSA developed and distributed reporting spreadsheets for both data years along with a letter from EMSA Director, Dr. Howard Backer, stating the importance of the Core Measures project as well as the reporting expectations. The 2013 data reports will be due to EMSA by 3/31/14, and will reflect data from the 2012 and 2013 calendar years.

EMSA is still in the preliminary phases of developing Core Measures based on the NEMSIS 3 data standards. EMSA is continuing to monitor changes to the NEMSIS V3 and will work with the Core Measures Task Force to make sure the NEMSIS V3 measures reflect the current measures that are based on NEMSIS V2 Data Standards.

Additionally, EMSA is beginning to explore the potential for new measures for the 2015 data year. EMSA and the Task Force are working to develop an indicator request template. The request, review, and approval processes are still in the development phases. This is an ongoing activity.

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EMSA is currently planning Core Measures Workshops around the State. The workshops will be similar to the sessions held in February and March of 2013, with updated progress and information on the status of the Core Measures project. These workshops will be held in the second quarter on the 2014 calendar year.

The Commission will be kept informed on the progress of the Core Measures project.