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**+EMS Sub-Recipient Grant Award Announced**

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The California EMS Authority (EMSA) is pleased to announce the award of the **+EMS sub-recipient grant** to implement the SEARCH, ALERT, FILE, RECONCILE (SAFR) model in California to San Diego Health Connect. San Diego Health Connect, in partnership with One California Partnership Regional Health Information (OCPRHIO) will implement the SAFR functionality for San Diego, Orange, and Imperial Counties. The grant award is for \$592,000, and runs through July 26, 2017.

This local assistance grant funding opportunity supports collaborative solutions to integrate EMS as a critical component of the health care system into the health information exchange (HIE) landscape consistent with Grant 90IX006/01-00, awarded by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology. The grant also meets the specific metrics required by ONC and has been reviewed and approved by ONC.

In their proposal, San Diego Health Connect demonstrated strong commitments to participate from two health information organizations (HIOs), emergency ambulance service providers, and hospitals in the three local EMS agency (LEMSA) jurisdictions. San Diego Health Connect will use a federated model and is a query member of the California Trusted Exchange Network. The initial partners for the project include:

Health Information Organizations

One California Partnership Regional Health Information
San Diego Health Connect

Ambulance Providers

American Medical Response
Care Ambulance Service
Newport Beach Fire Department
San Diego City EMS/AMR
Schaefer Ambulance Service

Hospitals

El Centro Regional Medical Center
U.C. Irvine Health System
U.C. San Diego Health System

Local EMS Agencies

County of Imperial Public Health
County of Orange Health Care
San Diego County HHS

Functionally, the grant will allow for EMS providers in the field -- using their electronic patient care record (ePCR) systems with integrated SAFR functionality -- to **SEARCH** the EMS hub by sending patient demographic data to the HIO for patient matching. The HIO will then return pertinent patient information from continuity of care document (CCD), such as problem list, medications, allergies and advanced directives back to the EMS provider to allow for a better understanding of the patient to improve clinical decision making. Information about the patient will then be transmitted from the field to the receiving hospital during the **ALERT** phase for display on a hospital dashboard of incoming patients. The information to be displayed will include all available information about the patient -- including demographic information, clinical impressions, vital signs and treatment rendered -- at the time of transmission. After the patient record is completed, the EMS patient information can then be **FILED** into the hospital electronic health record (EHR) in a searchable format to build a longitudinal patient record. After the patient is discharged from the emergency department or hospital, the record is then **RECONCILED** with patient disposition and outcome from the hospital EHR back into the EMS provider patient record to allow for better performance measures and population health.

As part of this grant, local EMS agencies will ensure that their EMS providers are transitioning to NEMSIS 3.4 by December 31, 2016 (as required by AB 1129) and submitting data to CEMSIS.