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**TO:** Commission on EMS  
Other Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** EMS Plan Appeal Emergency Regulations Update

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The EMS Authority has withdrawn the request for the EMS Plan Appeal emergency Regulations from the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on March 12, 2015.

The decision to withdraw these regulations was based on technical assistance given to the EMS Authority from OAL relating to strength of justification of an emergency need for these regulations, timing of OAL approval and subsequent Commission on EMS meeting, and potential changes to the text of the regulations that OAL would recommend. The voluntary withdrawal provides greater flexibility for potential re-submission of an emergency regulations packet, subsequent to further discussion with the Commission.

This issue is on the agenda for the March 18, 2015 Commission on EMS meeting where there will be the opportunity for discussion on the decision to withdraw the request for approval of the emergency EMS Plan Appeal Regulations, and if a re-submission of the emergency regulations packet is desired.

This does not affect the public comment process for the regulations that are following the regular rulemaking process. The public comment period for these regulations begin Friday, March 13, 2015. The Commission will also have an agenda item to discuss the regular EMS Plan Appeal regulations at the EMS Commission meeting on March 18, 2015 in Los Angeles.