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TO: Commission on EMS

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SUBJECT: Data Program and California Emergency Medical Services Information System (CEMSIS) Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive information on CEMSIS.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Continued transformation of CEMSIS and adoption of the NEMSIS Version 3 data set will have cost to the EMS Authority, Local EMS Agencies and providers in amounts that are not determined.

DISCUSSION:

EMSA has been continuing work on our data system transformation. We have been submitting records to the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) and now have more records in a short period of time than many states have in an entire year.

CEMSIS now contains nationally-compliant EMS call data from the following Local EMS Agencies:

El Dorado	Sierra-Sacramento Valley
Inland Counties	Ventura
Monterey	
Mountain Valley	
Napa	
Northern California	
North Coast	
San Benito	
San Francisco	
San Luis Obispo	
Santa Cruz	

As of Mid-February 2014, the CEMSIS database contains the following numbers of records in the NEMSIS V2.2.1 format:

2013 calendar year: 446,960

2014 calendar year: 56,128

This is a significant achievement given our system just went on-line this past summer. We anxiously await additional data to be submitted to CEMSIS.

EMSA program staff is reaching out to local agencies to ask about their CEMSIS participation status. We are ensuring that LEMSAs have the information they need to participate in data submission to CEMSIS.

Subject to approval of out-of-state grant funded travel, EMSA staff will be attending the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) mid-year meeting in early March. This meeting will include a large-scale discussion of the NEMSIS Version 3 data standard by the University of Utah. The information we receive will be very beneficial to us in continuing to plan for the implementation of NEMSIS V3 in California.

As of the writing of this memo, the University of Utah still plans of complete implementation of NEMSIS V3 on January 1, 2015. There are now 4 software vendors approved in some capacity for use of the NEMSIS V3 data standard. There are vendors still in their testing phase with NEMSIS V3 and will obtain their compliance approval in the coming months.

The Commission will be kept informed on the progress of the CEMSIS program.