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**TO:** Commission on EMS

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**SUBJECT:** Emergency Department Wall Time

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive information regarding the Emergency Department Wall Time issue.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None known at this time.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Wall Time subcommittee teams are reviewing the toolkit draft and CHA will be producing the toolkit once it is finalized. It is possible that the metrics section could be released in advance of the rest of the toolkit, as it is the most requested component. The entire collaborative will reconvene later this summer.

Several areas have begun Wall Time collaborative review activity- Riverside/San Bernardino, Sacramento, Los Angeles and two other areas have made inquiries, Alameda and Fresno. Howard Backer, EMSA Director, Bruce Barton, Riverside County EMS Director and BJ Bartleson and Vice President, Nursing & Clinical Services California Hospital Association held a presentation last December on the collaborative and the work. Ms. Bartleson will provide a brief presentation on the group's work at the Commission meeting today.

The Commission will be kept informed on the progress of this issue.