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DATE: October 9, 2017

TO: Dear Partners and Stakeholders

FROM: Craig Johnson, Disaster Medical Services Division Chief

SUBJECT: Invitation to Review and Comment on the Draft California Patient Movement Plan

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority requests your review and comment on the draft **California Patient Movement Plan**.

The EMS Authority, working with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and local, regional, state and federal partners has developed the draft California Patient Movement Plan. The plan was developed to address the need for a statewide framework for coordination of patient movement during large scale Health and Medical Incidents. The plan defines and standardizes medical transportation and patient distribution operational procedures when a disaster or emergency exceeds the capabilities of the EMS system(s) serving the affected area. The plan addresses evacuation and relocation of medical patients from an impacted Operational Area to predetermined locations outside of the impacted area. The California Patient Movement Plan integrates best practices and recommendations identified by a statewide multidisciplinary workgroup of subject-matter experts including representatives from public health and emergency medical services along with physicians, emergency managers, and ambulance providers.

The EMS Authority recognizes the importance of this plan and solicits your support to review and provide feedback. The plan was extremely challenging to develop and was only possible through the collaborative efforts of our partners and stakeholders. Your ideas and comments will help us to refine the plan and ensure we have a solid framework to build on for California.

The draft California Patient Movement Plan is posted on the EMS Authority website at http://www.emsa.ca.gov/media/default/pdf/Patient%20Movement%20Plan%209-28-17_Full%20PDF.pdf. We encourage you to share this draft plan with key stakeholders.

We appreciate your review of the draft California Patient Movement Plan. Please submit your comments electronically as described in the attached instructions to PatientMovementPlan@emsa.ca.gov. All comments received by December 1, 2017 will be considered.

Instructions for Providing Comments Draft California Patient Movement Plan

1. Use only the Comment Form provided.
2. Enter the page number and line number associated with each comment.
3. General comments are also welcome; in this case, there is no need to list a page number and line number.
4. Email the completed Comment Form to: PatientMovementPlan@emsa.ca.gov
5. All Comment Forms must be received no later than December 1, 2017 in order for the comments to be considered.
6. Please send any questions to Bill Campbell at Bill.Campbell@emsa.ca.gov.

