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TO: LEMSA Administrators

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SUBJECT: Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT) Specifications Update

The EMS Authority, at the advisement of the Executive Data Advisory Committee, has updated the APOT-1 and APOT-2 Reporting Specifications to better capture the patient record population impacting ambulance patient offload times.

The updated specifications now include all records where element eDisposition.¹² "Incident/Patient Disposition" has a value of "4212033" "Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit." EMSA included clarifying language on the APOT-2 time-intervals and removed the need for LEMSAs to report APOT-2 "percent of records" for each month. Finally, EMSA included the ability for LEMSAs to include the names of their EMS Providers which they included in their APOT reporting population. EMSA is requesting that all LEMSA use the updated specifications and updated reporting spreadsheet for the reporting of Quarter 4 2022 APOT data. EMSA will also use these updated specifications when developing the CEMSI Comparison reports for the remaining two quarters of 2022.

EMSA will continue to utilize these updated specifications following the reporting of APOT information directly from CEMSI starting January 1st, 2023. The updated specifications will serve as the foundation for the future APOT specifications when California transitions to NEMSI 3.5 in 2023.

Please contact APOT@emsa.ca.gov if you have any questions or comments.