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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: North Carolina Emergency Medical Services/Trauma Stakeholders

FROM: Regina Godette-Crawford, Chief  
  
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SUBJECT: Emergency Medical Services Assessment Project

DATE: June 25, 2012

The last major review of the North Carolina EMS system resulted in many positive changes for both the citizens we serve and the providers of emergency and trauma care. Our office determined that there have been several changes nationally and in the State EMS, Trauma, and Hospital Preparedness/Disaster Programs. With this in mind, the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services has contracted with the University of North Carolina, School of Public Health, to conduct a comprehensive assessment of these programs.

The project is divided into three phases that will include the Emergency Medical Services regulatory functions, Healthcare/Disaster Preparedness, and the State Trauma System. During this assessment, you may receive electronic questionnaires, phone calls, and/or requests for face to face meetings to provide data for this assessment. Please assist the Office of EMS and the UNC School of Public Health in completing this assessment by taking time to participate when you have the opportunity.

The primary investigators of the project are from the University of North Carolina School Of Public Health. Bill Gentry, MPA, and Administrator of the Public Health Informatics Graduate Certificate Program and post-graduate degree intern Dr. Navinchandra Pawaskar (Navin) are leading the project. The project manager within the North Carolina Office of EMS is Lyle Johnston, MPH, NREMT-P.

Questionnaires are forthcoming, and we hope that you will take the time to assist us by providing data for this project. Once data collection from various methods is complete, draft recommendations will be circulated for review and comment. Once finalized, the recommendations will be forwarded to the State Medical Response System Executive Committee and the State Trauma Advisory Committee prior to consideration by the State EMS Advisory Council.

In closing, thank you in advance for your participation in this important step that will lead to better emergency and trauma care in the state. If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact Lyle Johnston at (919) 855-3935 or [lyle.johnston@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:lyle.johnston@dhhs.nc.gov).

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