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Alexander Garza, MD
Chairman
Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services
Department of Homeland Security
Office of Health Affairs
Washington, DC 20528

Re: FICEMS Policy Options Paper

Dear Dr. Garza:

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) is pleased to provide this response to the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS) request for stakeholder input to the Policy Options Paper. NASEMSO is a national membership organization representing the lead agencies for emergency medical services for the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the territories of Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

NASEMSO is the only organization in the country that is comprised of State-level EMS Directors, EMS Medical Directors, and program leads at the state level for trauma systems, EMS data, pediatric emergency care, education and training, regulatory compliance, and EMS licensure. In addition, we have several associate members who are prominent national leaders in the field of emergency medical services.

As follow-up to the Federal town hall meeting conducted in Baltimore on March 2, 2011, NASEMSO subsequently provided a briefing to our members and solicited input to the full continuum of emergency medical services and emergency and trauma care for adults and children via an online survey. 110 members (approximately one-third of our total membership) responded to the survey and their responses are outlined in an attachment to this correspondence. The geographical representation and background is also included for your convenience. To better delineate the opinions of our members regarding the Federal government's role in this regard, our leadership developed a list of potential functions and presented them to respondents in a Likert format. All other questions/responses are relatively straight forward and consistent with the guidance we received from FICEMS.

As a national organization with a shared commitment to emergency care for adults and children, we applaud your efforts and anticipate your final report.

Sincerely,

D. Randy Kuykendall
NASEMSO 2011-2012 President

Attachment: RESULTS NASEMSO Member Survey March 2011