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TO: Ohio Hospital Chief Executive Officers

FROM: Robert L. Wagoner, Deputy Director, Trauma Committee Liaison
Diane Simon, Chair, Trauma Committee, Emergency Medical, Fire & Transportation Services Board

DATE: February 21, 2018

SUBJECT: Free-Standing Emergency Departments and Reporting to the Ohio Trauma Acute Care Registry

Thank you for the vital role that your facility continues to serve in providing high-quality, contemporary medical care to Ohio's trauma patients. Ohio's trauma system remains strong because of the qualified and dedicated staff, facilities, and resources provided by your institution. The recent addition of Free-standing Emergency Departments (FSEDs) in many areas has increased capacity and reduced the time to delivery of trauma services for many patients. However, it has caused some confusion concerning the need to report patient encounters through FSEDs to the Ohio Trauma Acute Care Registry. If you have already requested and received facility identification codes for each of your FSEDs, we thank you for your compliance and no additional action is necessary at this time.

The Ohio Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services is charged with development and maintenance of a state trauma registry as outlined in Ohio Revised Code 4765.06 (B):

(B) The board shall establish a state trauma registry to be used for the collection of information regarding the care of adult and pediatric trauma victims in this state. The registry shall provide for the reporting of adult and pediatric trauma-related deaths, identification of adult and pediatric trauma patients, monitoring of adult and pediatric trauma patient care data, determination of the total amount of uncompensated adult and pediatric trauma care provided annually by each facility that provides care to trauma victims, and collection of any other information specified by the board. All persons designated by the board shall submit to the board any information it determines is necessary for maintaining the state trauma registry. At the request of the board any state agency possessing information regarding adult or pediatric trauma care shall provide the information to the board. The board shall maintain the state trauma registry in accordance with rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.

Therefore, we are writing to inform you that compliance with this law requires reporting all care provided to adult and pediatric trauma victims who are evaluated and treated in any of Ohio's FSEDs. A separate facility identification code must be issued by the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of EMS for each FSED in order to comply with this law and to ensure accurate documentation of the delivery of trauma care throughout the state.

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Please contact the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of EMS at 1-800-233-0785 to obtain a facility identification code for each of your FSEDs that does not currently have an assigned code. If you have additional questions or concerns, we welcome the opportunity to address them as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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