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EMS Grantees,

The Priority One grant was established to improve and enhance EMS patient care in Ohio through the provision of grant funding for EMS equipment and training. However, each year the Division of EMS closes the previous Priority One grant cycle with an unexpended balance. In an effort to assure the EMS Priority One funds are reaching agencies who are experiencing the greatest need, the Division of EMS will implement changes to the Priority One and Supplemental grants beginning in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017-2018. Changes include the following:

**Beginning July 1, 2017 the award funding period will be split into two funding periods with shortened cycles.**

**Primary Funding Period** - The Primary Funding Period will begin on July 1, 2017 and will end on December 31, 2017. Awarded EMS agencies must incur expenses for allowable items between July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 in order to be eligible for reimbursement. Final reimbursement requests must be submitted by January 31, 2018.

- **Expenditure Period: July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017**
- **Final Reimbursement Requests Due: January 31, 2018**

Priority One and Supplemental grantees with remaining balances after December 31, 2017 will have their unexpended funds reduced to zero (\$0); with unexpended funds re-allocated to agencies during the Secondary Funding Period.

**Secondary Funding Period** – Unexpended funds from the Primary Funding Period will be reallocated to agencies that applied for, but did not receive, Supplemental grants during the Primary Funding Period. The Secondary Funding Period will begin on March 1, 2018. Awarded EMS agencies must incur expenses for allowable items between March 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible for reimbursement. Final reimbursement requests must be submitted by August 31, 2018.

- **Expenditure Period: March 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018**
- **Final Reimbursement Requests Due: August 31, 2018.**

The purpose of these changes is to ensure all EMS grant funds are expended and that unexpended funds reach EMS agencies in dire need of training and equipment support. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation, patience and support as the Division of EMS continues to make improvements to the Priority One and Supplemental grant program.

To clarify, these changes will not occur until July 1, 2017, and **do not** impact the current SFY 2016-2017 Priority One and Supplemental grant cycle (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). We look forward to working with the Ohio EMS grantees during this upcoming SFY 2017-2018 grant cycle. If you have any questions, please call Johanna Pickett at 614-728-8661 or you may email [EMSGrants@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:EMSGrants@dps.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,



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**Mission Statement**

*"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."*