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EMS Priority One Grantees,

The Division of EMS is committed to providing EMS agencies with the highest quality of service. As part of this commitment, we are pleased to announce that we are upgrading our grants management system.

Over the past several months, the Division has been busy working on upgrades to the grants management system to provide EMS agencies with a more user friendly system; ultimately allowing for greater access and manageability of the Priority One applications, awards, and reimbursements. Improvements to the reimbursement process will allow our staff to process requests in a more timely manner, and agencies to receive reimbursements more quickly. As with any implemented upgrades to a system, there may be some changes that will affect your agency. We want you to be aware of these changes to help ensure the transition will cause you as little disruption as possible.

Upgrades to the grants management system are scheduled to occur in several phases, with roll-out of the first phase planned for the end of December, 2016. A series of webinars will be offered to assist EMS agencies with the transition. Information regarding dates and times will be provided in the upcoming weeks. The initial roll-out will include the following changes:

ACCOUNTS

- User accounts will change. Current user accounts will no longer be used to gain access to the system. Account users will need to register with Identity Manager through a link that will be provided on our webpage. (Those who have renewed an EMS or fire certificate may have already registered with Identity manager; you will log in using your same account information and request access to the grant system for your agency.)

NOTIFICATIONS

- Upgrades to the grants management system will include electronic notifications. Users will be automatically notified via email each time the status of an application, or reimbursement request has changed.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS

- The Division will no longer accept paper submissions of reimbursement requests. With the upgrade to the system, requests for reimbursement **must** be created electronically. Upgrades to the system will allow users to upload supporting documentation to the grants management system, however, the Division will still accept supporting documentation (invoices) via fax or mail. In addition to the electronic submission of requests, users will have the ability to view and print all previous and current requests.

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."

APPLICATIONS

- Priority One and Supplemental Fund applications **must** be submitted electronically. The ability to submit a paper application for the Priority One grant will no longer be available. Applicants will have the option to upload required supporting documentation with the grant application, however, the Division will still accept supporting documentation via fax or mail. The new grants management system will allow users to track the status of a submitted application, as well as, view and print previous and current applications.

AWARD NOTICES

- Notice of Awards will be distributed electronically, and will be accessible in PDF format through the grantees account.

Additional changes planned for the SFY 2017-2018 EMS Priority One and Supplemental Funding grant cycle in which grantees should be aware include:

EMS Priority One and Supplemental Funding Cycle

- ***Beginning with SFY 2017-2018, the funding cycle for the Priority One and Supplemental Funding grants will be shortened, and occur in two cycles.*** All Priority One grantees will be required to **expend funds by December 31, 2017**. Grantees with remaining balances after December 31, 2017 will have their unexpended funds reduced to zero (\$0), and re-allocated to agencies that applied for, but did not receive Supplemental Funding grants in Funding Period 1. SFY 2017-2018 will be awarded in accordance with the following dates:
 - **Funding Period 1** – July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
 - **Funding Period 2** – March 1, 2018- June 30, 2018

Further details regarding the changes to the grant funding cycle will be forthcoming.

Board Priority Supplemental Funding

- Beginning in SFY 2016-2017, the Division of EMS introduced two additional funding opportunities to the Priority One grant, the Economic Hardship, and Board Priority Supplemental Funds.

The purpose of the Board Priority funding opportunity is to provide EMS organizations with training and equipment items identified by the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services as critical to improving the delivery of emergency medical services in the State of Ohio.

For SFY 2017-2018 the EMFTS Board has identified the following items as critical:

- **Waveform Capnography**- On December 17, 2014, the EMFTS Board approved mandatory utilization of waveform capnography for all patients requiring invasive airway devices ***effective January 1, 2021***. For more information on this requirement, please review the position paper located on the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS website:
http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/ems_position_capnography.pdf
- **EMS pediatric equipment competency training/evaluation**- In 2016, the Health Resources and Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau revised several of the EMS

for Children grant performance measures. These changes included a revision to Performance Measure 03, replacing Performance Measure 73 which was developed to measure the percentage of agencies in the state that have a process that requires EMS providers to physically demonstrate the correct use of pediatric-specific equipment. Implementation of this revised performance measure will occur in March of 2017. A list of identified acceptable courses and minimum course qualifications will be provided.

We will continue to update you on timetables and processes as we move closer to the release of the updated grants management system. If you have any questions, please call Johanna Pickett at 614-728-8661 or you may email EMSGrants@dps.ohio.gov.

Thank you for your continued effort and support,

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melvin R. House". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "H".

Melvin R. House, Executive Director
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Division of Emergency Medical Services