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DATE: February 25, 2016

FROM: Division of EMS and Trauma

TO: All ambulance services, squad leaders

RE: North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund

On June 30, 2012, North Dakota Century Code 23-46 charged the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH), with recommendations from the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC), with administering the *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund*. The fund is currently in its fifth year of providing grants to rural EMS agencies. A copy of N.D.C.C. 23-46 is included as Appendix A in the *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Guidance*.

2016 Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Time-Line

- Application completion time: **3/1/2016 – 4/30/2016**
- **Application submission deadline: Delivered to DEMST or postmarked by 5 p.m. on April 30, 2016**
- Scoring period: **5/1/2016 – 5/15/2016**
- Contracts issued: **5/16/2016**
- **Signed contracts must be delivered or emailed to DEMST, or postmarked by 5 p.m. on June 23, 2016**
- Grant period: **7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017**

The following documents that are needed to complete the grant application process are available on our website:

- *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Guidance (included in packet)*
- *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Application*
- *Attributes of Successful Rural Ambulance Services Assessment (included in packet)*
- *Attributes of Successful Rural Ambulance Services Assessment Score Sheet*

In addition, DEMST is available for assistance with the grant process. Our contact information is on the website ([www.ndhealth.gov/ems](http://www.ndhealth.gov/ems)). Please read through the application and guidance thoroughly and contact our office with any questions.

A series of eight meetings will be held statewide over the next few months regarding the future of the EMS system in North Dakota. These meetings are being held to discuss the challenges that the current EMS system is facing and for stakeholders to work together to identify how we can move forward and face these unique challenges. All EMS providers are welcome and encouraged to attend. These meetings are considered vital to the EMS system in North Dakota. **Therefore, attendance by at least one person from each funding area is required to be eligible for the future Funding Area Grant cycle beginning July 1, 2017.** If no one in your funding area is able to attend the local meeting, feel

free to attend another meeting within the state. If a representative is unable to attend any of the meetings, please contact DEMST at 701-328-2388. You can find more detailed information about the meetings, such as the upcoming dates and locations for the meetings, by going to the ND EMS Association website, [www.ndemsa.org/EMSfuture](http://www.ndemsa.org/EMSfuture) .

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Working together on a project like this can help shape the future for EMS in North Dakota!