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FROM: Division of Emergency Medical Systems

TO: ND Licensed Ambulance Services

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), to administer the *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund*. The fund is currently in its sixth year of providing grants to rural EMS agencies. A copy of N.D.C.C. 23-46 is included as Appendix A in the enclosed *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Guidance – Part II*.

The North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund consists of multiple parts for the 2017 – 2019 biennium. The application and grant guidance for Part II (December 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019) are included in this packet.

The intent of this funding is to support EMS systems in areas where the service is critical, but run volume, tax base, distance from other EMS services or other unique circumstances do not allow the creation of an efficient, viable or sustainable service. In order to receive this funding services MUST demonstrate the critical need of that service. You must also show that attempts at alternative organizational structures including tiered response, efficiency and sustainability through consolidation with other ambulance services or EMS agencies, eligibility for cost-based reimbursement through ownership by a critical access hospital or efficiency through alternative staffing as well as all other locally defined options have been tried and failed or are not sufficient to sustain operations without additional funding.

Available funding for Part II will be approximately \$875,000.00. Part II funding will be awarded by the Department beginning December 1, 2017.

This is a competitive application process resulting in a limited number of funding areas receiving funds.

A fully completed application (SFN 61298) along with any additional documentation/pages must be submitted to the Department as outlined in the enclosed guidance postmarked no later than 5:00 PM October 27, 2017.

Review the enclosed *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Guidance – Part II* in its entirety for eligibility requirements and detailed assistance in the completion of the enclosed application.