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Ed Gabriel, Chairman
Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS)
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Emergency Medical Services (NTI-140)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Implementation of a Data Standard for Tracking of Emergency Patients (TEP)

Dear Chairman Gabriel:

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) submits the enclosed resolution and respectfully requests that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS).

Due to the efforts and commitment of various partners, a standard for the tracking of emergency patients (TEP standard) was created and has been exercised successfully across vendor platforms, including the military. However, the patient tracking vendors do not seek to be compliant with the TEP standard. As you can well imagine, this leads to states, locales and other entities purchasing patient tracking systems, often unknowingly, which result in disorganized patient tracking communications.

We look to our federal partners who have an interest in promoting effective tracking of emergency patients to take a lead role in implementing and enforcing the compliance standard for such systems. Your action on this critical matter will not only promote a more effective use of resources, but will help to ensure that the tracking of emergency patients is effectively accomplished in the future.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions on this matter, you may contact Dia Gainor, Executive Director, at dia@nasemso.org.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Patrick
President

C: Paul Sharpe, Chair, NASEMSO Data Managers Council