



October 31, 2016,

Dear Contra Costa County Community Hospital Executives; Emergency Department Physician and Nurse Leadership, Fire- EMS, Ambulance, and EMS System Stakeholders,

Recent legislation requires all EMS Agencies to plan, promote, and implement prehospital and emergency department bi-directional health care information exchange within the next 18 months. In preparation for this exchange between local community hospitals and EMS System providers, the Contra Costa EMS Agency advises the following:

- All EMS transport agencies permitted in Contra Costa County must be capable of sending a prehospital continuity of care document (CCD) directly to the receiving hospital's medical records system no later than January 2018.
- All community hospitals in Contra Costa County must be capable of consuming a prehospital Electronic Health Record (EHR) CCD into their electronic medical record system no later than January 2018.
- All prehospital EHRs must be compliant with new state EMS Data system requirements as specified in the January 5, 2016 California EMSA letter at:
<http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Media/Default/PDF/EMS%20Data%20System%20Requirements%202016%20.pdf>

Bi-directional health information exchange compliance requirements are described in the California EMS Authority letter dated January 5, 2016. A summary of the Contra Costa EMS bi-directional exchange efforts to date and plans for the future is also being included with this memo. If you have questions or would like to learn more please contact us.

Respectfully,

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Attachments: EMSA January 5, 2016 New State EMS Data System Requirements
Contra Costa EMS System HIE Summary

