



The Importance of the NASEMSO 2011 EMS Industry Snapshot

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) systems in the United States have evolved over the last 45 years in very diverse ways, and

WHEREAS, states have a primary role in assuring the safety, quality, and availability of emergency medical services, and

WHEREAS, states can describe and quantify EMS personnel, agencies, and other system attributes, and

WHEREAS, there has historically not been a mechanism to aggregate data about the characteristics of EMS systems at a nationwide level, and

WHEREAS, information about EMS in the United States is of interest and great utility, and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, in partnership with the National Association of State EMS Officials, exhibited tremendous vision and tenacity in capturing information at a national level through the NASEMSO2011 EMS Industry Snapshot, and

WHEREAS, the innovation of the methodology selected by the University of North Carolina, the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center, the Critical Illness & Trauma Foundation and the skill of the principal investigator resulted in information representative of the EMS system in the United States, and

WHEREAS, knowledge about the attributes of the EMS system in the United States will enable further assessment and policy development in unprecedented ways,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that that the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials commend and thank the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center, and the Critical Illness & Trauma Foundation, and recommend that federal agencies recognize the importance of maintaining this information on a contemporary basis through regular updates and using it to the mutual benefit and advancement of EMS systems throughout the United States.

Signed this 7th day of October, 2011.

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