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Subject: NAEMSO Support for Reform Joint Statement

Keith,

Thank you again for being part of the Reform Group. As you know, we have been working to develop a comprehensive reform initiative that brings together the leading industry voices to support the policy changes needed to take ambulance services to the next level.

The first component has been focused on 3 items: (1) improving cost data collection by creating a CMS-driven mechanism that policy-makers understand and will trust (the cost survey); (2) obtaining provider status for all ambulance services to recognize the health care services being provided; and (3) stabilizing the payment rate by incorporating the current add-ons into the base rate.

The second component has focused on identifying reform options that could be implemented relatively quickly and easily by regulators and/or the Congress. This includes issues like reimbursing for alternative destinations, treating on the scene without transporting the patient, and triage.

The third approach which is under review currently includes refining community paramedicine parameters and reforming EMS reimbursement.

The attached Joint Statement summarizes our efforts to date. We would like to have NAEMSO review the materials in the hope that your organization would sign-on to support these recommendations. NAEMT has already endorsed the paper.

Please let me know if this is something your group would be willing to support. I would be happy to arrange a call to discuss the recommendations in more detail. While I understand that may be some internal process timelines to which you must adhere, it would be great if you could let me know as soon as possible if you think your organization is likely to support the white paper.

Thank you for considering this request.

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