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To: Capital Area Trauma Region

Re: STEMI Systems of Care Baseline Assessment

As a partner in the Systems of Care for ST Elevation MI patients, you recognize the importance of providing timely, effective and quality care. Recently, the American Heart Association's Mission Lifeline Initiative joined with the Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council to form a Cardiac Care Workgroup for our region. The primary purpose of the Workgroup is to work with PCI Hospitals, Non-PCI Hospitals and EMS Organizations to improve the STEMI Systems of Care within the entire region.

One of the first steps in this process involves gaining additional information about our current Systems. To do this, the Cardiac Care Workgroup is asking for your assistance in performing a baseline assessment of our Region's STEMI Systems of Care. Previously, we distributed baseline assessments to 911 EMS Systems, PCI Hospitals and Non-PCI Hospitals. The next step is to obtain baseline information from organizations that provide transport services for STEMI patients. Specifically, this assessment is intended for those prehospital transport organizations that transfer STEMI patients from one hospital to another. Please assist us by completing the attached baseline assessment (only one assessment per Organization). The purpose of the assessment is to determine a baseline rather than to actually evaluate or measure your organization. By knowing our baseline, the Workgroup can more effectively address improvements from a Regional perspective. The assessment also allows us to identify regional examples that may benefit others. Please note the data will be aggregated and your Organization's specific data will NOT be identified.

Please forward this baseline assessment to the appropriate person within your Organization however we do ask that only one assessment be returned per Organization. The last page of the assessment includes useful instructions for completing the assessment.

We sincerely appreciate the time and attention given to completion of this baseline assessment. We would like to have all assessments completed and returned no later than February 18, 2010.

Questions regarding the assessment tool may be addressed to Louis Gonzales, [louis.gonzales2@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:louis.gonzales2@ci.austin.tx.us) or Ronda Mackey, [ronda.mackey@stdavids.com](mailto:ronda.mackey@stdavids.com) (co-facilitators of the QI/PI Subgroup). Please send completed assessments to Louis Gonzales.

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