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Dear X,

We are pleased to announce that the San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency is prepared to accept Letters of Intent from hospitals interested in being designated as an ST-segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Receiving Center.

The initial development of policies and procedures in support of an organized, inclusive STEMI System has been completed with input from SLO County EMS providers, physicians, hospitals and other stakeholders. The STEMI System design allows for ambulance patients with this specific type of myocardial infarction to be transported directly to a designated STEMI Receiving Center.

Provided one or more hospitals in San Luis Obispo County meet the designation criteria, our plan is to implement the STEMI program in early 2010 following completion of prehospital training, hospital orientations, and implementation of prehospital triage and destination changes.

If your hospital is interested in STEMI Receiving Center designation as part of this program, please send a Letter of Intent as outlined in the enclosed packet so that we receive it no later than Monday, November 2, 2009. Base Hospitals interested in STEMI Receiving Center designation at a later time may submit a Letter of Intent and nonrefundable initial application fee at any point, and a timeline to work with them will be developed. A sample Letter of Intent is enclosed.

The enclosed packet of information is the result of a review of national and state best practices as well as collaboration between EMS Agency and Public Health Department staff, EMS stakeholders, emergency room physicians, cardiologists and hospital representatives. The information more fully describes the STEMI program and includes the policies and procedures of the designation process.

A cardiologist from outside of the area who is familiar with STEMI designation will assist us in the process and be in attendance at the required site visit.

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As part of the designation process a Base Hospital will be required to enter into a contract with the County of San Luis Obispo, acknowledging that if designated you will agree to accept STEMI patients and participate in system data collection, submission and analysis as indicated in the materials enclosed.

Designation requires EMS Agency staff to oversee the initial development, implementation and ongoing training, public education and QA/QI activities of a STEMI System, and as such, the contract will include a provision for an annual designation fee to cover ongoing expenses. At this time the annual designation fee for the first year is estimated to be approximately \$42,000. A nonrefundable initial application fee of \$30,000 applied toward the costs of development and implementation of the system will be due to the San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency, Inc. at the time a Letter of Intent to apply for designation is submitted.

If you have any questions regarding the STEMI program please feel free to contact me at any time. If you have specific questions regarding the application process, please contact Kathy M. Collins, R.N., at 805-546-8728 or kcollins@sloemsa.org.

Sincerely,



Charlotte Alexander
Executive Director

cc: Dr. Penny Borenstein, County Health Officer