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TO: McLean County Area EMS System Members

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SUBJECT: I-EMS (Formerly GEAC) Retirement

The McLean County Area EMS System was notified this week by Mr. Steve Schmidt, Senior Programmer/Analyst, of EnRoute Emergency Systems that they will no longer be offering support for their EMS data collection product after June 01, 2009. They have indicated that with the changes being implemented by the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) that I-EMS would be required to embark on a major redesign of the database and software to attain the “Gold” level of certification. Mr. Schmidt indicated, “We believe that EMS customers will eventually require patient care reporting software that is NEMSIS compliant at the “Gold” level.”

Even though this announcement was just made, Cathy Belcher has already began the process to convene the EMS System data collection committee to begin the task of evaluating EMS data collection systems that already have the NEMSIS “Gold” compliance rating. This transition process will take everyone’s understanding and assistance over the next two years. It will be one of our goals to have the committee make initial product evaluations and then narrow the product field down in order to set-up demonstrations for EMS System members to evaluate and provide feedback.

I apologize for any inconvenience this announcement will cause your individual organizations, but the McLean County Area EMS System will do everything that we can to facilitate the transition process for EMS data collection. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the EMS System Data Collection committee, please contact the EMS Office.

We will convey additional information as it is released by EnRoute Emergency Systems. If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Cathy Belcher at (309) 827-4348.

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