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Dear Dr. Gilfillan:

We applaud CMS for the opportunity to improve health care and reduce costs through the Health Care Innovations Challenge Grants. This letter is a letter of support and an offer of assistance to you during this exciting time.

“Field EMS” is a term that describes emergency medical services provided to patients (including transport by ground, air, or otherwise) prior to or outside a medical facility or other clinical setting. We anticipate that multiple grant applicants will include EMS personnel and agencies in cost effective, quality of care models that address not only high prevalence emergency medical conditions such as STEMI, stroke, and trauma but also chronic illness surveillance and injury prevention. The EMS community is eager to support these innovative health care partnerships.

We are offering our collective expertise and resources to CMS. Possible roles for our organizations range from expert content grant reviewers to grant implementation support. We trust CMS grant reviewers will critically evaluate EMS’s novel service delivery model and see their added value to the health care infrastructure.

Our organizations look forward to continued collaboration with CMS to improve the health of our communities and the patients that we serve. Please let us know how we can assist you with the Field EMS integrated Health Care Innovations Challenge Grants.

Sincerely,

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