



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

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TO: Hospital CEOs, ED Directors and Nurse Managers
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SUBJECT: **PEDIATRIC SURGE CAPABILITY - NATIONAL PEDIATRIC READINESS PROJECT 2016**

The Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) is working on a multi-year project to develop a region-wide Pediatric Surge Capability Plan. The development of this plan provides an opportunity for ICEMA and hospitals in San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties to establish standards for pediatric care, assess hospital readiness for response, and address the resources and processes needed to provide care to individual or large numbers of critically ill or injured pediatric patients during large scale incidents.

The first step began in 2012, when a nation-wide survey was developed by Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill and Dr. Kate Remick from UCLA, as part of the California Pediatric Readiness Project. This project focused on establishing benchmarks for pediatric readiness by comparing hospitals with similar pediatric volumes. This survey was utilized as a tool to establish pediatric readiness. ICEMA had 100% participation in this national survey.

The second step is to reassess how far we have improved in pediatric readiness.

All ICEMA hospitals will be required to:

- Complete the Pediatric Readiness Assessment by March 1, 2016. The assessment can be found on the National Pediatric Readiness Project website at <https://www.pedsready.org/>.
- Hospitals must provide a paper version of the Pediatric Readiness Assessment and the hospital survey results to ICEMA, Attn: Dora Mejia at 1425 South "D" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 or via e-mail at dora.mejia@cao.sbcounty.gov.

Once all the data is collected, a capabilities gap analysis will be developed and completed. This gap analysis will provide direction on activities and resources needed to fully implement the Pediatric Surge Capability Plan. In addition, all hospital emergency departments will receive a pediatric readiness score to compare with the survey that was completed in 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Chris Yoshida-McMath, RN, Specialty Care Coordinator, at (909) 388-5803 or via e-mail at chris.yoshida-mcmath@cao.sbcounty.gov.

Thank you in advance for your support of San Bernardino County's pediatric preparedness efforts.

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