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Dear ReTrAC/Liaison chairs and stakeholders,

Pursuant to NMAC 7.27.7, the Trauma Program is initiating a Statewide Performance Improvement Committee. You already conduct performance improvement at your meetings, so this process will not be new, but will allow uniformity in reporting and system improvement.

ReTrACs/Liaisons are vital to this process. The benefits for engaging in this program are:

- participating in local and regional trauma system development
- contributing to the development and implementation of system-wide protocols
- participating in the pre-hospital data collection system
- affecting the potential for enhanced patient care and safety
- identifying trends to:
 - coordinate injury prevention activities
 - identify issues at all levels of care

The Trauma Advisory and Systems Stakeholder Committee has formed a sub-committee; the Trauma Performance Improvement Committee (TPIC). This committee will be the point of contact for EMS, hospital and statewide system performance improvement issues. This committee is comprised of nurses, physicians, and EMS personnel. All performance reports will be kept confidential and all meeting attendees will be required to sign confidentiality agreements.

In the coming weeks, you will receive the New Mexico Trauma Process Improvement Plan Manual and a reporting form approved by the TPIC. You will also receive a request to help the TPIC develop filters that will be used by EMS and the hospitals to bring performance issues to the ReTrACs and the TPIC.

If you have questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,


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