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SUBJECT: Direct Pay Tracking

TO: Pennsylvania EMS Agencies

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Under Act 84, of 2015 signed into law by Governor Wolf on Dec. 20, EMS agencies may elect to receive direct payments from insurers. As part of Act 84 EMS agencies must select insurers that they are willing to accept direct payments from no later than Oct. 15 of each year for the following year.

The department has published on its website (under EMS quick links) a form fillable PDF that allows EMS agencies to select insurers they are willing to accept payment from. This form must be received by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services no later than Oct. 15. All forms received after Oct. 15 will not be included in the accepted insurer database.

Annually, on June 1, the Bureau will publish the accepted insurer form that must be filled out by the agency and returned to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services by the 15 of October. Additionally, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services annually will publish a listing of the EMS agencies and the insurers from whom they are accepting direct payment from on its website on or before Dec. 31.