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**TO:** Hospital Preparedness Program Awardees

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**SUBJECT:** NIMS implementation guidance for the National Hospital Preparedness Program's (HPP) FY12 Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA)

For awareness, HPP is reducing the NIMS compliance elements from 14 to 11 as well as providing clarification and implementation guidelines. The changes are as follows:

- Revised Objective 8 (COMBINING OBJECTIVES 8 & 10) – Promote and ensure that hospital processes, equipment, communication, and data interoperability facilitates the collection and distribution of consistent and accurate information with local and state partners during an incident or event.
- Revised Objective 11 (COMBINING OBJECTIVES 11 & 12) – Manage all emergency incidents, exercises, and preplanned (recurring/special) events with consistent application of ICS organizational structures, doctrine, processes, and procedures.
- Revised Objective 13 (COMBINING OBJECTIVES 13 & 14) – Adopt the principle of Public Information, facilitated by the use of the Joint Information System (JIS) and Joint Information Center (JIC) ensuring that Public Information procedures and processes gather, verify, coordinate, and disseminate information during an incident or event.
- Revised guidance for personnel requiring NIMS related training (reduced emphasis on IS 800 for hospital staff and clarification of staff needing IS 100,200 and 700)

It is our hope that by making these NIMS compliant changes, hospitals and health care systems are better able to implement NIMS and guidance and examples are strengthened. The guidelines come into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 and should be used for planning purposes and reporting for the FY12 HPP FOA.

Included with this memo are the revised guidelines.