

TO: Telecommunications Coordinators

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RE: Emergency Telephone System Act (911), compliance date delayed

As previously reported, the Emergency Telephone System Act (50 ILCS 750) requires that all private businesses that provide telecommunications facilities or services to users provide the same level of 911 service that telecommunications carriers are providing to other businesses and users of the local 911 system. State users serve as a model for other businesses.

An amendment that provides a one year implementation extension to June 30, 2000 has been approved. A copy of the amendment and Governor Ryan's transmittal letter is attached for your files.

This extension provides time for additional amendments to clarify the responsibilities under the Act, and allows CMS and its clients to better prepare to adhere to its requirements. CMS staff will continue their efforts to keep you informed of how this requirement will affect your agency.

If you have any questions about the E-911 project, please do not hesitate to contact either your agency CSS or Tim Fox at (217) 524-9960.

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