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**MEMO**

**To: Maryland Highest EMS Jurisdictional Officials  
Commercial Ambulance Companies**

**From: Dr. Kevin G. Seaman**  
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**RE: Potential Civil Unrest in Baltimore City Relating to Maryland EMS and Hospitals**

The judge in the case of the State of MD vs. William Porter has declared a mistrial following the inability of the jury to agree on any of the four charges. Although the City of Baltimore has taken great steps to prevent potential disturbance following announcements in this case, there is still the possibility of unrest and violence.

MIEMSS is closely monitoring the situation and will share accurate information as soon as it becomes available. This will include information on access and security concerns at Baltimore area hospitals. Should there be hospital security and/or access issues, MIEMSS will distribute this information via email and HC Standard. Please remain vigilant in monitoring your email and HC Standard alerts until this situation is over.

Please be safe as you continue to provide the excellent level of emergency care to the citizens of Maryland.