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## **Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) Summary**

**Public Body or Custodian: Alberta Health Services**

**Project Title: Emergency Medical Services IT Transition**

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### **Project Summary:**

On May 30, 2008, the Government of Alberta announced the decision to shift the governance and funding of ground ambulance services from municipalities to AHS. Prior to this announcement more than 300 cities, towns, counties, districts, villages, etc in Alberta used over 80 service providers and 30 dispatch centers with more than 3,000 employees and 500 ambulances to complete in excess of 260,000 ambulance trips each year.

On April 1, 2009 the responsibility for ground ambulance services was transferred from municipalities to AHS in a move designed to improve patient care, accountability and efficiency. As of April 1, 2009 services provided by EMS were subject to the *Health Information Act* (HIA).

As part of the overall provincial effort to transition Emergency Medical Services into Alberta Health Services, Municipalities across Alberta will transition confidential data from their current Information Technology systems and data stores to Alberta Health Services' designated data repositories. This submission varies from the traditional PIA in that it is focused primarily on what data is to be migrated and the security of that transfer. Although the information provided in the PIA describes the data migration from The City of Calgary EMS, the same decision making rules will be applied for all transitions of Alberta's Emergency Medical Services confidential data to Alberta Health Services.

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