



November 20, 2024

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
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Call to Order

Dr. Kremkau called the meeting to order.

Attendance: See attendance table

EMS program update was provided by Shari Graham.

Frontier EMS Leadership Academy – DPHHS FLEX program is currently working on contracts with the six EMS agencies and the Montana Office of Rural Health.

DPHHS has sent a survey to collect data from ground ambulance services to determine the fiscal impact of implementing a Ground Ambulance Medicaid Supplemental Payment program. They are also seeking information for treat in place services. This information may lead to the development of a treat in place payment structure.

EMSC – NEMSIS has developed a [NEMSIS Pediatric Dashboard](#) that contains national level EMS data measures specific to pediatric patients.

TSII –

- EPIC-TBI for hospitals
- TSII conference May 28th 2025, Fairmont
- EMS Manager QI Meeting May 27th, Fairmont
- Three regional TSII trainings in 2025

Chair report – Discussion with the Board of medical Examiners about the EMS Scope of Practice and National Clinical Guidelines – ongoing discussion of third document.



Nick Burkland presented proposed changes to EMS Rules Appendix.

- Remove proof of FCC authorization for fixed wing radio channels – Passed
- Strike CPAP from required equipment list – Passed
- AED Pad requirement changed to: Adult and pediatric or combo pads – Passed
- ALS Kit Requirements – create a table for each crew level that reflects required ALS equipment by crew configuration level – Passed
- Gowns – changed to Protective Gowns – Passed
- Rolled Elastic Bandages – remove from required list – Passed
- Change Cervical Collar Requirement to: “Materials or devices that can be utilized to provide spinal motion restriction of the cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine for neonates to adult.” – Passed
- Table 9 – Ambulance Specifications – Add the following list to Table 9 as required vehicle components:
 - Emergency warning lights
 - Windows
 - Head lamps
 - Brake Lamps
 - Parking Lamps
 - Back-up lamps
 - Tail lamps
 - Turn signals
 - Side marker lamps
 - Hazard lamps
 - Horn
 - Siren
 - Spot lamp

Passed

- Discussion regarding removing the requirement for pediatric equipment for agencies who primarily respond in the roll of wildland fire EMS support. EMSAC decided not to act on this proposal. Agencies could pursue individual waivers.



Trauma Section Update by Alyssa Johnson

- Adapting BIG criteria to transfer criteria
- Developing a way to develop a hospital resources and capabilities guide
- Looking at using expired naloxone
- Montana Interfacility Blood Network presentation at a future meeting
- Stop the Bleed course updates, all instructors must re-register, new materials
- “Trauma on the hill” day Feb 12th. Infographic, report, and talking points are avail.

BOME Update by Sam Hunthausen

- BOME moved to adopt the EMS Clinical Guidelines
- BOME moved to adopt the Montana Scope of Practice Document
- Discussion of Montana Scope of Practice Document
- Medication table by class instead of name
- Preamble mentioning IFT medications started in the ER

Legislative Update provided by Terry Mullins

- Ambulance Assessment Bill will be back again this session
- DPHHS update to the AED legislation
- DLI bill that would establish an apprenticeship route to EMT
- No current bill to designate EMS as an essential service



Prehospital RNs acting as ECPs – Nick Bradford

- Further developing table 11 to be a more structured and prescriptive list

Round Table:

- New EMD update and training coming out
- Possibly address community paramedicine in the future
- Continue discussion of a third document
- Scott Schandelson, creation of an air medical sub-committee

Recording of meeting available upon request.

Next regular meeting February 19, 2025.