

State of Florida
EMS Advisory Council
Medical Care Committee Minutes
4/12/2006

- 1) Review of meeting minutes from 11/2/05
- 2) Review of Bureau issues
 - a) Legislative package:
 - i) Topic of discussion focused on the Florida Hospital Association's recommendations to add "alternative destination" to transport destination. Questions regards the services offered and the type of destinations were never answered. However it was noted that this committee would like to ask the bureau to adopt rule to support a variance for a pilot project to determine the effectiveness of "alternative destination".
 - ii) Medical care committee supports change that removes the medical director's "direct supervision" of the EMT/EMTP and replaces it with "supervisory over site".
 - iii) The question, How many EMT's/EMTP's can a medical director supervise?
 - b) Data: Awaiting outcome to determine this committee's position.
- 3) Is there a possibility to implement the "Treat and Release" concept in the pre-hospital community?
 - a) Dr Ralls was not available to present at this meeting.
 - b) Medicare Codes:
 - i) It was discovered that Medicare currently does not have any provisions to reimburse for non-transported patients. However they do not have any objection to an agency billing the individual.
 - c) The group expanded on this concept and shared an existing concept. That concept allows for private companies to staff organizations such as a local pharmacy with ARNP's or PA's to support treatment outside of the overwhelmed emergency room.
- 4) What is an appropriate level of support staffing for the medical components of EMS services?

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- a) Currently there is no national standard identifying the ratio of personnel required to manage the following programs. It was decided a survey would be adopted to determine how this is currently defined within the EMS agency. Also to help determine the definition of each of the following.
 - i) QM program
 - ii) Protocol development
 - iii) Training and education
 - iv) Field supervision
 - v) Orientation and training
- 5) Prepare an education plan that will support the State Triage Tag implementation process. It was determined that this objective was met.
- 6) Prepare an education plan that will provide training related to the recently distributed auto injectors in the Mark I kits. It was determined that this objective was met. One objective identified a need to have the State Medical Director review the educational document in PowerPoint online for appropriateness. Specifically those slides recommending the bending of the needle and placing on the patient to provide a means of identifying those treated.
- 7) What can this committee do to participate in the (pre-hospital) Pandemic Influenza plan?
 - a) The question was asked how will this affect the EMS community? What is the role of the EMS community?
 - b) The committee determined that the first goal is to determine who is supporting the pre-hospital participation and planning phases of this plan. If there is no such plan in place it is this recommendation of this committee to develop a plan that will incorporate the EMS community.
- 8) What is the status of pre hospital intubation success? With the changes in rule, January of 2007 that stipulate the need for capnography will provide a tool to accurately measure the success of intubation. It is however recommended that the form of capnography must be waveform based and not a bar graph.
- 9) Adjournment