

**EMS WORKING GROUP**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2022**  
**1:00pm-2:30pm**  
 Virtual meeting

Attendance: R. Calciano, S. Bangalore, A. Katz, W. Schietinger, D. Koscuk, M. Daniels, J. Beaulieu, S. Halpin, B. Baxter, G. Allard, M. Morelli, M. Barrett, N. Holmes, J. Kennedy, R. Kamin

Absent: K. McClaine, M. Wilson

Meeting minutes taken by: A. Figueroa

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Introduction		Raffaella Calciano welcomed the workgroup members	
Overview of Legislation		Legislation is on page 2 (Attachment on the back of the minutes)	
Public Comment		No Public Comment	
Discussion and assignments of legislation	Medicaid and private commercial emergency medical services rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss Rate Setting</li> <li>• Medicaid rates are too low and commercial rates having to compensate for it.</li> <li>• Medicaid reimbursement being lower than the actual cost to deliver the service to the beneficiary.</li> </ul>	
	Emergency Medical Services Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ralf is requesting a presentation on the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EMS, how it works in CT and how it's run</li> <li>○ The emergency medical services workforce</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jill will share the recorded meeting held by the DPH Committee.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The provision of emergency medical services, including, but not limited to, the adoption of mobile-integrated health care</li> <li>○ The provision of emergency medical services in other states</li> </ul>	
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To be presented at next meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSS- Who can discuss reimbursement for Medicaid</li> <li>• Presentation on the Commercial Reimbursement process (Susan)</li> <li>• Cadence of Meetings- Every other Wednesday at 11am. Next meeting will occur on September 21st.</li> <li>• If we cannot deliver by January 1<sup>st</sup>, we can ask for an extension. We will work on clarifying expectations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic education on EMS Presentation (Lead: Greg)</li> <li>• EMS providers to work on an overview of EMS (Rich Kamin)</li> <li>• Presentation on State Rate setting and what those entails</li> </ul>
Cadence of Meetings		The group has decided to meet every other Wednesday at 11:00AM.	
Adjourn		Meeting adjourned at 2:06PM	

**PA 22-118 (HB 5506 Budget) - Section 136** – DPH Commissioner in Collaboration with DSS Commissioner shall establish a working group on EMS and first meeting shall convene no later than September 1,2022

- Working Group Name: Working Group on Emergency Medical Services
- Description:
  - o Examine Medicaid and private commercial emergency medical services rates;
  - o Examine EMS Workforce
  - o Examine the provision of EMS services including the adoption of mobile-integrated healthcare
- DPH Responsibilities:
  - o DPH to lead the working group, in consultation with DSS
  - o Committee needs to convene by September 1, 2022
  - o DPH to determine the working group members
  - o By January 1, 2023, DPH, in consultation with DSS is required to report its findings and recommendations for improvements to the provision of emergency medical services in the state and actions to take to create an effective and sustainable emergency medical services system over a long-term period.
  - o While it is not explicitly stated, the working group should terminate upon submitting the report.

Sec. 136. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) The Commissioner of Public Health, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a working group on emergency medical services. The working group shall include, but need not be limited to, the commissioners or their designees, representatives of volunteer emergency medical services providers, representatives of municipal or other nonprofit agencies that provide emergency medical services, representatives of hospital-based emergency medical services providers and representatives of for-profit emergency medical services providers. The working group may also include representatives of hospitals, emergency physicians, representatives of long-term care providers, representatives of health carriers and other emergency care providers.

(b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall convene the first meeting of the working group not later than September 1, 2022.

(c) The working group shall examine the following issues: (1) Medicaid and private commercial emergency medical services rates; (2) the emergency medical services workforce; and (3) the provision of emergency medical services, including, but not limited to, the adoption of mobile-integrated health care, and the provision of emergency medical services in other states.

(d) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services, shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health with recommendations concerning its findings and recommendations for improvements to the provision of emergency medical services in the state and actions to take to create an effective and sustainable emergency medical services system over a long-term period.