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CTEMSAB LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Date: 04/18/24 **Time:** 0900-1000

Location: GoTo Meeting. **Call-In Info:** (United States: [+1 \(224\) 501-3412](tel:+12245013412)) **Access Code:** 172-456-077
<https://meet.goto.com/MikeLoiz/cemsab-legislative-committee-meeting>

Member Attendees: Bob Mara, Aaron Katz, Jay Paretzky, Kate Coupe, Ben Zura, Chris Waiksnoris, Leigh Goodman, John Rodican, Irene Smith, Greg Allard

Guests:

Chaired by: Schietinger, William

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting Called to order at	0900	Meeting commenced
Acceptance of Last Minutes	J Paretzky, I Smith	Approved 3/15/24 minutes
Public Comment	None	None
DPH/OEMS Report	None	None
Presentations	N/A	N/A
Chairs Report	<p>-Huddle last week had to be canceled due to a personal emergency last minute – apologize</p> <p>-No huddle this week</p> <p>-Update on state budget and Medicaid EMS rates. Email campaign under way with just over 400 emails sent to Gov. Lamont asking to keep the Medicaid EMS rate increase in the budget.</p> <p>-Zura identified an issue with 5488 re: to language that was added that speaks to surprise billing and it appears it might negatively affect us. PH met with several members of ACAP, CEMSAB, NBEMS on 4/16 for a short impromptu discussion. Anwar / Fahey / Fecke committed to doing whatever they can to help but also suggested we speak with AGs office & Looney</p>	

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	<p>EMS on the Hill going on as we speak. Loiz attending with 4 other CT providers. Will brief next week</p>	
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Session ends on May 8th. Discussion on the following bills HB5105 – Ref to Committee in Feb HB5176 – Support forming Task Force Study with 2 EMS reps and DPH Commish. Keeping eye out for similar bills. HB5281 – Ref to Committee on Finance, Revenue, and Bonding on 4/8 HB5290 – tracking, may get merged with 5488 HB5397 – Oppose. On House Calendar HB5398 – Support Study by DEST and DESPP on sharing private info over comms with involvement from CEMSAB HB5460 – Ref to Insurance Committee on 3/7 HB5479 – Ref. To Appropriations Committee. On the 4/15 meeting agenda but was not discussed HB5488 – Placed on House Calendar. PH was supportive of removing Glucacon nasal powder. Hasn't happened yet. Also, Sec 6 makes it an unfair trade practice for EMS orgs to request payments (other than out of pocket expenses, such a co-payments) in certain situations, such as for covered facility fees, or (2) report to a credit reporting agency if the patient fails to pay for these services SB9 – Placed on senate calendar. Oppose. SB179 – (Rates) – Placed on senate calendar. Support SB181 – (ED Crowding) – Tracking</p>	
<p>Federal Level</p>	<p>American Ambulance Association: Visit the Action Center to submit testimony easily</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Workforce: One-Pager on EMS Workforce Shortage 2. Medicare Ambulance relief: S.1673 & HR.1666 3. Balance Billing: One-Pager on Balance Billing 4. Veterans affairs: One-Pager on VA Final Rule Delay <p>NAEMT Advocacy – Use the OLS to submit testimony easily</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Workforce Bill: EMS Counts Act: S.1115 and HR.2574 2. SIREN bill S.265 & HR.4646 3. TIP & TAD bill = Passed 4. Extend Ground Ambulance add-ons: S.1673 & HR.1666 5. Congressional EMS Caucus – Right now, this is the most important because we (CT) don't have any representation on this caucus in DC 	<p>Testimony sent from NAEMT and AAA on the following issues</p> <p>-Kate asks about surprise billing – what's happening at the national level? Discussion ensued with regard to AAA / NAEMT initiatives</p> <p>Also discussed EMS on the Hill</p>

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	NCSL EMS Legislative Database	
FYI's	EMS on the Hill is 4/17-18/2024: https://naemt.org/events/register	N/A

Adjourned: 0939 J. Paretzky, W. Schietinger

Respectfully Submitted: Schietinger, William

Upcoming Meeting Dates: 5/16, 6/13, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/19

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