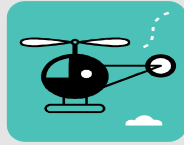


Air Medical Transport Task Force



Group II Minutes June 18, 2008

Attendance:

John Telmos; David Magnino; Gary McCalla (phone); Ray Ramirez; Rachel Hanks-Saphore; Lisa Abeloe; Neal Cline; Colleen Kuhn; Cynthia Marlin-Stoll; Gary Tamkin; Perry Esquer; Tom Hornsby; Robert Donovan; Erich Goetz; Eric Fetherston; Jackie Stocking; Pamela Steen; Tony Pallitto; Ross Elliott; Bruce Barton, Mitch Dattilo

EMSA Staff:

Bonnie Sinz

Attachments: 90-Day Temporary Accreditation Process; Air Provider Data; Air Provider QI



Multi-County Service Provider document

Discussion regarding input received from the Main Task Force meeting (see Main Task Force minutes) and how the document should be revised. The document will be edited per discussion.

Key issues included:

- Need to check enabling statute/regulatory language to allow this process; should not require regulatory change
- Should only address medical aspects of air transport
- Language needs to encourage local EMS agency collaboration
- Address possible conflict with local Medical Advisory Committee activities related to air transport service.
- Reinforce this concept as “optional”
- “Culture” needs to change moving towards collaborative rather than prescriptive language in any guidelines
- Look at implementation stumbling blocks that may exist in an Exclusive Operating Area
- Focus needs to be improved patient care through continuity

Action: 1) Rachael will convene the subgroup via conference call to finalize the document for final review at the July 22, 2008 meeting

2) Bonnie will research appropriate enabling language in current statute/regulations for document to be implemented



90-Day Temporary Accreditation Process

Draft document was discussed and edits suggested (attached). Main issues included:

- Document should address both paramedic and RN accreditation/authorization
- 90 days should be maximum with renewal considered on a case-by-case basis by the LEMSA

**Action: 1) Joe Barger will provide revised document to the EMDAC list serve for comment.
2) Document to be finalized at July meeting and provided to Group I for comment.**



Air Provider Data (attached)

A revised list of air provider-specific data elements (attached) was provided based on work from the subgroup and feedback from the March meeting. The data elements were placed in CEMSIS format and are divided into:

- CEMSIS Data Elements with Air Transport Use Modifications
- NEMSIS Data Elements with Air Transport Use Modifications
- Additional Data Elements for Air Transport Use (not found in CEMSIS or NEMSIS)

Bonnie reviewed each data element and the needed information. The data elements were extracted from the full CEMSIS data dictionary for the purposes of discussion only and possible edits/additions.

Action: Each member is to review the document and provide input on the “green” additions/comments as it relates to air transport specific data collection. All comments are to be sent to Bonnie by July 7, 2008.

Bonnie will compile the comments and re-draft the Air Provider Data Elements for the July 22, 2008 meeting. The draft will be mailed out prior to the meeting to give members time to review.



Air Provider Quality Indicators

A packet of information on QI (attached) was provided including:

- CAMTS Quality Management Chapter
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 12
- California QI Guidelines

There was discussion on how air transport QI activities need to be incorporated into local EMS QI Programs and not be isolated out as a separate program.

**Action: 1) Members are to provide Bonnie with their Air Transport specific QI Plans or QI Plan excerpts that may be included in the draft Air Transport QI Program document.
2) Bonnie will take all documents and create a draft “QI Program Guidelines” for the September meeting. The draft will be mailed out prior to the meeting to give members time to review.**



Next Meetings:

Group II Meeting

July 22, 2008 Sacramento

October 30, 2008 Southern California

Main Task Force Meeting with time for group meetings

October 1, 2008 Northern California (location to be determined)