



**State EMS Board  
October 10, 2023  
Virtual Meeting**

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Stamp
  - Call the role
  - Approval of the September 12, 2023 EMS Board meeting minutes
- II. Old Business
  - Limited-Scope Medical Direction – ACTION – Dr. Chizmar
  - COMAR 30.09.01.02 30.0914.04 proposed changes – INFORMATION – Ms. Pierson/Mr. Legore
- III. Adjourn to closed session

Adjourn to closed session to carry out administrative functions, to consult with counsel, to obtain legal advice on pending disciplinary actions under General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (7), and to maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occ. Art. §14-506 (b) under General Provisions Article §3-305 (b) (13).



**State Emergency Medical Services Board  
October 10, 2023  
Video Conference  
Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Clay B. Stamp, Chairperson; Dany Westerland, MD; Stephan Cox; William J. Frohna, MD; Molly Marra; Eric Smothers; Jim Scheulen; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN;

**Board Members Absent:** Tom Scalea, MD

**MFRI:** Ms. Williams

**MSPAC:** Major Tagliaferri

**RACSTC:** Dr. Snedeker

**MSFA:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP Carey; Ms. Loveless

**OAG:** Mr. Malizio; Ms. Pierson; Ms. McAllister

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Delbridge; Dr. Chizmar; Mr. Abramovitz; Dr. Barajas; Mr. Bechtel; Mr. Bilger; Ms. Chervon; Dr. Chizmar; Mr. Cooney; Mr. Ebling; Ms. Gainer; Mr. Fiackos; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Hammond; Mr. Huggins; Mr. Legore; Mr. Parsons; Mr. Robertson; Mr. Sidik; Mr. Tandy; Ms. Wilson; Ms. Witmer; Dr. Wooster; Ms. Wright-Johnson; Ms. Goff

Chairman Stamp asked for approval of the September 12, 2023 EMS Board meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion made by Dr. Frohna, seconded by Dr. Westerland, the EMS Board unanimously approved the September 12, 2023 EMS Board meeting minutes as written.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Limited-Scope Medical Direction

Draft regulation was distributed.

Dr. Chizmar gave an overview of the alternative treatment via telemedicine and the concept of limited-scope medical direction that was presented to the Board at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said the proposed regulation was presented at SEMSAC on September 5<sup>th</sup> with a favorable review. At this time, MIEMSS and SEMSAC recommend that limited-scope medical direction be used for patients 18 and older.

Although many Maryland EMS departments are heavily utilized, Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD) made 155 transports per 1,000 residents in 2021 which is 4.5 times the volume of the FDNY. Demand for services is far greater than available ambulances.

BCFD is seeking to contract with telemedicine physicians to manage lower acuity patients on scene. Essentially, the physician would be giving advice to the patient, but the EMS clinicians are still on scene. If the physician is advising non-transport with follow-up care, that constitutes “medical direction” under existing law. Currently, medical direction may only be given by EMS base stations or medical directors.

A proposal for limited-scope medical direction for telemedicine physicians, who are interacting with the patient, could advise only on destination for low acuity patients. An EMSOP may submit a plan to MIEMSS and the EMS Board if contracting with a non-base station for limited-scope medical direction and must meet base station requirements for QA/QI, consult audio recording, and must utilize Maryland-licensed physicians with EMS base station training.

Dr. Chizmar said it would be optimal for this service to be Maryland hospital based. One of the challenges is to assure the plan is scalable. Dr. Chizmar said that the jurisdiction QA office and the jurisdictional medical director would be responsible for QA oversight. MIEMSS would ask for an updated list of physicians on a quarterly basis. The Board of Physicians would have ultimate oversight if there was an egregious incident.

A lengthy discussion regarding medical responsibilities and liability insurance, credentialing, audio/written record keeping, age of eligible patients, and cost/billing considerations ensued.

As part of the application process, the jurisdiction needs to affirm that it is the sole responsibility of the jurisdiction to clearly notify, in writing, the possibility of financial liability to the patient for telemedicine services. This disclosure should also be stated on the non-transport statement for patient signature.

**ACTION: Upon the motion made by Mr. Scheulen, seconded by Dr. Westerband, the EMS Board unanimously approved the Limited-Scope Medical Direction regulation. Board members also approved, to include on the application, that it is the jurisdiction’s sole responsibility for notifying the patient, in writing, of any possible financial liability for telemedicine services.**

COMAR 30.09.01.02 and 30.0914.04 - Commercial Ambulance Services

A copy of the proposed regulation changes was distributed for the Board’s review.

Mr. Legore gave an overview of the proposed Specialty Care Paramedic regulation changes to COMAR 30.09.01.02 and 30.0914.04 including adding Specialty Care Paramedic to the definitions section; allowing solo Specialty Care Paramedic staffing for patients with single critical care intervention and Respiratory Therapist as part of crew if patient is vented.

Please send any questions and comments regarding the proposed changes to Mr. Legore at [slegore@miemss.org](mailto:slegore@miemss.org)

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**The Board adjourned the open session by acclamation.**

**In closed session:**

**Board Members Present:** Clay B. Stamp, Chairperson; Dany Westerland, MD; Stephan Cox; William J. Frohna, MD; Molly Marra; Eric Smothers; Jim Scheulen; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN;

**Board Members Absent:** Tom Scalea, MD

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Delbridge; Dr. Chizmar; Ms. Goff; Ms. Chervon; Ms. Hammond

**OAG:** Mr. Malizio; Ms. Pierson; Mrs. McAllister

The Board considered:

- (1) EMSOF partner budgets;
- (2) SEMSAC member appointment;
- (3) Disciplinary matters