Air Medical Committee
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

Letter of Recommendation

BACKGROUND

The Air Medical Committee for the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) is a standing committee that provides recommendations and guidance for air medical operations in the state of Texas. It is the mission of the Air Medical Committee to promote safe, ethical and clinically sound air medical transport for the citizen of Texas.

The purpose of a Regional Advisory Council (RAC) is to develop, implement and monitor a regional emergency medical services (EMS) trauma system plan to facilitate trauma system networking within its TSA or group of TSAs. A RAC is an organized group of healthcare entities and other concerned citizens who have an interest in improving and organizing trauma care within a specified Trauma Service Area (TSA). RAC membership may include hospitals, physicians, nurses, EMS providers, rehabilitation facilities, dispatchers, as well as other community groups.

The Regional Advisory Councils are responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring a regional emergency medical service trauma system plan. They are an organized group of healthcare entities and other concerned citizens who have an interest in improving and organizing trauma care within a specific TSA. Regional Advisory Council objectives are to reduce the incidence of trauma through education, data collection and analysis and performance improvement. This is accomplished by providing educational initiatives, looping data back into those initiatives as well as conducting performance improvement that provides each and every provider guidance and motive to reduce the incidence of trauma as well as improve the outcome of trauma patients.

PURPOSE

The purpose of letter is to recommend that Regional Advisory Councils ensure that Air Medical providers are incorporated into the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) process for all Regional Advisory Councils.

We believe that incorporating air medical providers into the CQI process will improve patient care, collaboration and it will foster a community partnership for all stakeholders within a RAC.

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DESIRED OUTCOME

The desired outcome is to incorporate air medical providers into the RAC CQI process. This will provide a mechanism and a platform for concerns regarding the air medical service to be identified, addressed and provide a mechanism for loop closure within the applicable Regional Advisory Council.

Should concerns regarding the air medical service(s) including and not limited to safety, patient care, dispatching, and membership services be brought to the RAC; an opportunity for performance improvement should be identified. The performance improvement may include and not be limited to educational initiatives, recommendations to improve the agency's processes and the recommendations from the GETAC Air Medical Committee.

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