

8.d. GETAC EMS Committee Update to Council

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2025 Committee Priority Outcomes

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Committee Priorities	Outcomes	Status
Rule Revision 157.11 and 157.14	<i>Dwayne Howerton is chairing our workgroup on rule revision to provide a framework for recommendations to DSHS / GETAC Council for revision recommendations. Work continues on this with monthly public meetings where the rule is being gone through step by step.</i>	Ongoing
Workplace Violence on EMS Personnel	Chief Hayes is leading the newly created committee workgroup to discuss the ever-increasing concern and problem of workplace violence involving EMS personnel. Workgroup continues to meet and evaluate concerns. Discussion ensued in meeting on mechanisms to track all issues and not just those that rise to the level of “reporting”. Workgroup to continue this discussion.	Ongoing
Reduction of Red, Lights and Sirens usage.	This workgroup has begun to evaluate the earlier position statement on L&S usage. Other committees are reviewing that position statement as well and will deliver feedback to the workgroup. The workgroup will now collaborate the Medical Director’s Committee to coordinate on a position statement on RLS use from the Medical Directors.	Ongoing
Stroke Workgroup	Donald Janes – Chair our workgroup that is corresponding and working directly with the Stroke Committee provided updates and continues to work to approve stroke recommendations	

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Stroke Workgroup	<p>Donald Janes – Chair our workgroup that is corresponding and working directly with the Stroke Committee provided updates and continues to work to approve stroke recommendations</p> <p><i>Stroke Committee recommendations approved by committee vote.</i></p> <p><i>EMS Committee is in support of the Stroke TEAM EMS-ED Study. Will name a couple of committee members to assist</i></p>	Complete
Pediatric Committee Support	<p>Committee voted to approve the Pediatric Consideration for Consultation and Transfer documents as presented by the Pediatric Committee</p> <p>Committee is also naming participants to assist Pediatric Committee with two initiatives: Pediatric Pain Management and Pediatric Criteria for Blood Transfusions</p>	Complete

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2025 Recommended Performance Improvement Initiatives

Committee PI Initiatives	Recommended Performance Measure	Accepted
Reduction of RLS (Red Lights & Sirens) usage during EMS responses to 911 calls and transportation of patients to definitive care.	<i>Reduce the use of RLS by 50% for nonpriority 1 responses. Using existing EMD priority determinants to identify universal priority response.</i> <i>Reduce the transport of patients while using RLS by 80% for nonpriority 1 patients. Forming workgroup to lead this charge.</i>	
Reduction of EMS Wall Times in Texas and analyze the impact of the associated white papers on the issue.	This workgroup will form and hold its initial meeting in the coming weeks. Calls for all participants is open.	

GETAC Committee/Stakeholder Action Item Request for Council August 2025

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Action Item Request and Purpose

- Please provide a **single**, clear and concise statement defining your action item request:

The workgroup is request access to Texas NEMSIS data related to EMS response categories, transport disposition, use of lights and sirens on response and transport, and any related data that the RLS Workgroup deems appropriate for our research and potential recommendations

- In **one** clear and concise statement, please explain the purpose for this request:

To allow the committee to continue research on reducing high risk low acuity responses for 911 EMS related calls for service

Benefit and Timeline

- What is the intended impact or benefit resulting from this request?
Please provide a clear and concise response in a single statement.

Access to Texas NEMESIS data will show data related to the use of RLS and allow for research to take place on where safe use and reduction of RLS may occur.

- Please provide the timeline or relevant deadlines for this request.

A timeline that is reasonable for the request.