

20221018 EMS Financial Health Committee Minutes (draft)

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 10:00 AM



Meeting Subject: EMS Financial Health Committee Meeting - 9/202022

Meeting Date: 10/18/2022 10:00 AM

Location: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/89157735650>

Link to Outlook Item: [click here](#)

Invitation Message

Participants

Agenda

1. Call to order
 - a. By Chair Kellner 10:02 AM

2. Reading of the Maine EMS Mission Statement

“The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all providers. All members of this Committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

3. Attendance

- [Davis, Darren W](#) (Meeting Organizer) Maine EMS, Non-voting
- [Joseph Kellner VP – Finance, Operations & Strategy](#) (Accepted in Outlook)
- [Andy Turcotte, Paramedic](#) Excused
- [John Martel, MD, Ph.D](#)
- [Joseph Spicuzza](#) Excused
- [Karynlee Harrington \(Karynlee.Harrington@maine.gov\)](#) Joined at 10:18
- [Katherine Pelletreau \(KPelletreau@MEAHP.com\)](#)
- [Kimberly.LaFauci@Cigna.com](#) Excused
- [Kristine Ossenfort](#)
- [Michael Senecal](#) Joined at 10:08
- [Rob McGraw](#)
- [David Stuart](#)
- [Robert Russell III](#) Excused
- [Scott Guillerault](#)
- [Shawn Esler](#)
- [Stephen Almquist](#)
- [Thomas W Bell \(Thomas.W.Bell@maine.gov\)](#)

Non-Committee Members

4. Prior Minutes

- a. September 20, 2022
 - a. Motion to approve by Rob McGraw
 - b. Seconded by Scott Guillerault

c. Vote

- [Joseph Kellner VP – Finance, Operations & Strategy](#) (Accepted in Outlook)
- [Andy Turcotte, Paramedic](#)
- [John Martel, MD, Ph.D](#)
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5. Public Comment

- a. None

6. Modifications to the agenda

- a. None

7. Old Business

a. Action Item Updates

- a. **Butch Russell:** to put together a recommendation on ancillaries for billing for no transports for such EMS activations such as Cardiac Arrests
 - i. Butch not in attendance today
- b. **ALL:** Internalize topics and discussion with stakeholders for review in next meeting
 - i. Review video
- c. Joe Kellner to send info on the Minnesota model
 - i. If you are having problems getting into the SharePoint site please contact Darren Darren.W.Davis@Maine.gov

b. Further discussion on Medical Necessity and Reasonableness

- a. Review video !!
- b. Non transport situations
 - i. Emergent
 - 1) Must have assessment and/or treatment
 - ii. Community Paramedicine
 - 1) This could use code 99490 Chronic Care Management or 99495, 99496 Transitional Care Management
 - a) Joe Kellner to share definition of Chronic
 - iii. ACTION ITEM: Internalize with stakeholders

c. Further discussion on Financial and Cost Reporting Standards and Metrics

- Employ two FTEs in the Bureau of EMS, Maine Department of Public Safety, who are responsible for operating the cost reporting program for EMS entities (Fiscal Note: Approx. \$200,000 per year)
- Cost reporting shall be applicable to all licensed ground transporting and non-transporting ambulance services

- Should state cost reporting be in addition to CMS reporting.
- TD: How will cost report data be used
 - Is it appropriate to tie reimbursement to costs?
- TD: Any other metrics?
- TD: What happens 12/31/2023 when the current reimbursement methodology sunsets?
- Other Metrics:
 - Volume of services provided per capita and per square mile geography
 - Entity Type (Municipal, hospital, etc.)
 - Payer mix, self-pay percentage, and self-pay collection rate
 - LOS Impact related to lack of availability of transport (hospitals)
 - Personnel demographics, including licensure level
 - Number of vacancies
 - Volunteer hours dedicated to EMS services
- Should ambulance services be on Maine Compare???

d. Further discussion on Prior Authorization

8. New Business

- a. Election of a co-chair
 - a. Think about it for the next meeting

9. Action Items

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- b. **ALL:** Internalize topics and discussion with stakeholders for review in next meeting
- c. Joe Kellner to send info on the Minnesota model
- d. Each committee member to confirm they can access the sharepoint.

10. Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday November 1, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- b. <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/89157735650>

11. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Kristine Ossenfort
- b. second by Rib McGraw
- c. Adjourned at