

# 20221101 EMS Financial Health Committee Minutes (draft)

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 10:00 AM



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

**Meeting Date:** 11/01/2022 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 10:03

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](#)
- [John Martel, MD, Ph.D](#)
- [Joseph Spicuzza](#)
- [Karynlee Harrington \(Karynlee.Harrington@maine.gov\)](#)
- [Katherine Pelletreau \(KPelletreau@MEAHP.com\)](#) Excused
- [Kimberly.LaFauci@Cigna.com](#)
- [Kristine Ossenfort](#)
- [Michael Senecal](#)
- [Rob McGraw](#)
- [David Stuart](#)
- [Robert Russell III](#)
- [Scott Guillerault](#) Joined at 10:41
- [Shawn Esler](#)
- [Stephen Almquist](#)
- [Thomas W Bell \(Thomas.W.Bell@maine.gov\)](#)

Non-Committee Members

Darren Davis, Maine EMS, Meeting Host  
Jason Oko

4. Prior Minutes

- a. October 18, 2022

a. Motion to approve by Rob McGraw

b. Seconded by

c. Vote

- [Joseph Kellner VP – Finance, Operations & Strategy](#) (Accepted in Outlook)
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5. Public Comment

a.

6. Modifications to the agenda

a.

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
  - ii. Joe Spicuzza - have been attempting to internalize Maine staff representatives.
  - iii. Dave Stuart - still pending
  - iv. Kimberly LaFauci - still pending
- c. Joe Kellner to send info on the Minnesota model
- d. If you are having problems getting into the SharePoint site please contact Darren Darren.W.Davis@Maine.gov

b. Darren to schedule meeting on Nov 8 1400-1500

c. Further discussion on Medical Necessity and Reasonableness

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

a. Should Ambulances be on Compare Maine (comparemaine.org)

b. What happens 12/31/2023 when current reimbursement methodology sunsets.

i. Butch, recommend it continue until it is replaced

ii. Joe Kellner - Payers may need to internalize

- iii. Joe Spicuzza - How has the experience been
  - 1) Joe Kellner - some difficulties to start but improved
  - 2) Butch Russell - same here, rough start but has gotten better
- iv. Dave Stuart - it is a model that we are all accustomed to and until it is replaced it provides some stability
- v. Maine EMS office needs a resource to help educate and facilitate contacting and medical billing with services
- vi. Endorse medicaid tax and match
- vii. Endorse CPE and provide support at the state level to facilitate the reporting of municipal cost data to access these funds

e. Further discussion on Prior Authorization

f. Discussion on Base rates

#### 8. New Business

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

#### 9. Action Items

- a. **Butch Russell:** to put together a recommendation on ancillaries for billing for no transports for such EMS activations such as Cardiac Arrests
- 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.
- e. Joe Kellner to share definition of Chronic
- f. At end of meeting

#### 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 Rob McGraw
- b. second by Shawn Esler
- c. Adjourned at 10:44