

EMS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, 01 August 2013
Scheduled: 10:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Room 106
Forsyth, GA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger called the August meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order in the absence of Mr. Ben Hinson who arrived later. The meeting was held at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Room 106, in Forsyth, GA and began at 10:00 AM.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Ben Hinson, Chair Subcommittee & GA Trauma	
Commission Member	Linda Cole – GA Trauma Commission (Excused)
Randy Pierson – Region One	Jimmy Carver – Region Seven (Excused)
Chad Black – Region Two (Conference Line)	Dr. Leon Haley-GA Trauma Commission
Richard E. Lee – Region Four	Pete Quinones- Region Three
Lee Oliver – Region Five (Conference Line)	Craig Grace – Region Eight
Blake Thompson – Region Six	
David Moore – Region Nine (Conference Line)	
Huey Atkins – Region Ten	
Courtney Terwilliger – GA Trauma	
Commission/EMSAC	
Keith Wages – OEMS	

OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Paul Lundy	Warren Averett GH&I Consultants
Jessica Story	Warren Averett GH&I Consultants
Jim Pettyjohn	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff
John Cannady	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff
Dena Abston	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff
Tammy Smith	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff
Kristal Smith	Region 5 RTAC
Kim Littleton	GAEMS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger welcomed all who were present, acknowledging those present via conference line and thanking everyone for participating; Mr. Terwilliger indicated that Mr. Hinson was running late and requested that he Chair the meeting in his absence. Mr. Terwilliger then established quorum before proceeding.

02 MAY 2013 MINUTES APPROVAL:

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the May, 2013 subcommittee meeting.

MOTION #1 EMS Subcommittee 2013-08-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes from the May, 2013 meeting as written.

MOTION BY: Blake Thompson SECOND: Richard Lee

ACTION: The motion <u>PASSED</u> with no objections, nor

abstentions.

Mr. Pettyjohn introduced Ms. Dena Abston, Business Operations Officer for the Georgia Trauma Commission. Mr. Terwilliger questioned Ms. Abston regarding checks which were sent to the Commissioners general fund by mistake; Ms. Abston indicated that there was miscommunication regarding address which is in the process of being corrected.

FY 2013 EMS UNCOMPENSATED CARE AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Terwilliger introduced Mr. Paul Lundy and Ms. Jessica Story, indicating that they would be presenting their findings regarding the audit for uncompensated care funds.

Mr. Paul Lundy reviewed the Uncompensated Care Audit report and findings *(see attached)*. Mr. Lundy advised that the first section detailed the report, followed by the procedures and then finally the findings recommendations and conclusions. Mr. Lundy explained the methodology used for testing, advising that the testing was conducted in tiers, the larger centers were tested on site, while the medium were conducted mostly via phone, email or fax, while the smaller centers were focused on less due to the smaller volume of claims. Specific procedures were followed by the guidelines of Senate Bill 60. Based on the first round of testing, 21 of 41 agencies were looked at, 7 of those were looked at a second time.

Ms. Jessica Story highlighted some key points of their findings, indicating that attachment B summarizes the exceptions that were found. The two key criteria with the most exceptions were section A (person had some type of insurance such as Medicaid or Medicare) and section C (third party payer involved such as workman's compensation, auto insurance, or settlement). Attachment B-2 (*Page 19*); Ms. Story reviewed the summary findings by location. Ms. Story then reviewed the claims that were not eligible for Uncompensated Care, and summarized the three tiers (*Page 24*) which showed 93% of the locations were tested, amounting to 89% of the claims dollars.

Ms. Story concluded her report by recommending that mileage for pick up to drop off points be included with the next audit. Mr. Lundy added that there was great cooperation with the agencies for conducting this audit. Discussion followed regarding the exceptions and recommendations and how mileage could possibly be tracked for this project, as well as difficulties which could arise.

TRAUMA COMMUNICATIONS CENER UPDATE:

Mr. John Cannady reported that as of June this year, there have been 459 calls received at the TCC; this number is an increase from last year, and is expected to continue increasing with the addition of Region 1 participation. Mr. Randy Pierson agreed, adding that Region 1 was pushing to have their regional plan complete by the first of the year, which will include the requirement to utilize the TCC for trauma related calls. Mr. Cannady continued, adding that last year about 30% of the calls received came "after the fact"; this year that number has dropped to approximately 20%. The source of the calls has also changed, with about 4% coming from helicopter services last year, to the number jumping to 43% this year; primarily due to Air Evac's utilization of the TCC as a resource. Of those calls made to the TCC, about 89% meet TSEC criteria; all regions have participated this year with the exception of Region 10.

The RTAC Coordinating Group will be meeting after the upcoming Georgia Trauma Commission meeting, and is working to put out a poster to the community hospitals which will provide information regarding inter-facility transfers.

Mr. Cannady continued, advising that work is being done in effort to provide the Resource Availability Display (RAD) to EMS providers across the state. This will be done by email request from the provider and email training will be offered. Some of the Commission and staff have recently met to discuss the future of the TCC; discussions are ongoing between Dr. Ashley and Dr. O'Neal. Suggestions have included possible participation with GHA or GEMA. Mr. Cannady assured that everyone will be kept informed as the discussions continue.

Discussion followed regarding the poster which is being created, and what its purpose is. Mr. Terwilliger explained that this would be similar to the poster which was created by the Burn Center to inform smaller hospitals when they should transfer a patient.

(*Mr. Hinson entered the meeting, requesting that Mr. Terwilliger continue to Chair the meeting.)

Further discussion followed regarding the initial purpose of the TCC, and the difficulties that hospitals have when transferring patients. Various courses and training were also discussed, as well as suggestions for improving the trauma system. Conversation continued regarding the work of the RTAC Coordinating Group and Mr. Terwilliger invited the EMS Subcommittee members to participate in the next meeting; Mr. Cannady added that the next meeting will take place at GPSTC in the Library Resource Center, August 15th at 2:00 PM.

REVIEW OF CONTRACTED WORK: FY 2011 and FY 2012 FUNDING & PROGRESS UPDATE re FY 2013 EMS FUNDING:

Mr. Terwilliger provided some handouts to the group regarding work completed by GAEMS with Trauma Commission funding *(see attached)*; he reviewed the handouts. The handouts provided included documentation on the PHTLS and ITLS classes funded by the Trauma Commission and the Office of Emergency Preparedness. The additional training in Advance Burn Life Support, Advance Trauma Life Support, Rural Trauma Development, and Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum were funded from monies provided by both the Trauma Commission and the OEP. Mr. Terwilliger provided this information so everyone could understand the strong partnership between the Trauma Commission and the SOEMS/T and the OEP to provide trauma training to all levels of providers.

Mr. Terwilliger reviewed the spreadsheet for the First Responder Grants, He pointed out that the GAEMS deliverables included providing 19 Emergency Medical Responder courses. The GAEMS has provided 22 of these courses at this point (116% of the deliverables). The completion rate for the students was 89%. Additional classes conducted included on that was primarily law enforcement, one that was taught for The Georgia State Defense Force, and one taught for the DNR; also Franklin County conducted a class,

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but has not yet submitted paperwork for funding. Mr. Terwilliger indicated that he would like to gain approval to fund jump kits for the nineteen DNR ranges that completed the first responder class.

Mr. Terwilliger indicated the remaining funds would be utilized by Franklin County once the paperwork has been submitted, as well as the instructor courses.

Mr. Terwilliger also reported on the funding for the PHTLS and ITLS courses. The deliverables included providing 24 of these courses. We have completed 23 with one class postponed due to low participant registration. Of the 23 courses we have trained 442 individuals in these courses. We have also trained an additional 98 students utilizing OEP funding. The total trained in trauma related EMS course was 540.

Mr. Blake Thompson commented regarding some photos and letters that were submitted on behalf of an EMT who benefited from these classes. Discussion followed regarding the classes and who may benefit from them, siting that they are useful for industries as well.

Ms. Kim Littleton commented that in the FY 2012 First Responder Grants, all of the courses either have started or in progress with a set date to start. This continues through December, and all will complete by their deadline. For the Trauma Equipment Grant, all but \$47,000 have been utilized; the remaining funds will go back into residual funds for FY 2013. Mr. Terwilliger commented regarding confusion about where these classes have been conducted. To insure equitability the GAEMS, in its current Scope of Work, has elected to not disseminate an additional application for these grants. We will continue with the list of agencies that have requested grants. Using this methodology we will be able to provide funding to all agencies who have applied for the grant. There have been 42 submissions this year. Discussion ensued regarding the grants requirements and who it has been most beneficial to.

Mr. Terwilliger indicated that Mr. Pettyjohn had requested that there had been some requirements on the last page which has now been removed; the requirements are otherwise the same. Mr. Pettyjohn explained that some participation requirements were confusing and therefore removed until they could be re-evaluated. Mr. Huey Atkins recommended requirements for equipment grants to require specific equipment; Mr. Terwilliger agreed. Discussion followed regarding which items would be useful; suggestions were made for items such as IV warmers. Mr. Terwilliger asked if the September 30th target date was an acceptable submission date; there was no disagreement.

FY 2014 FUNDING:

Mr. Terwilliger indicated that he had met with Keith Wages and Angie Rios regarding the reimplementation of the GEMSIS meetings. Ms. Rios would like the group to consider assisting with travel expenses for personnel who may be able to assist in the training of the system.

MOTION #2 EMS Subcommittee 2013-08-01:

I make the motion to support the request made by Ms. Angie Rios to utilize FY 2013 GEMSIS funds to help pay educators or trainers expenses (FY 2013 executed GAEMS contract).

MOTION BY: Blake Thompson SECOND: Richard Lee

^{*}Quorum temporarily lost due to technical issues with the conference line. Mr. Hinson advised that he could present this to the Commission for consideration. Connection was retrieved and therefore a quorum was re-established

ACTION:

The motion <u>PASSED</u> with no objections, Keith Wages abstained.

Mr. Pettyjohn requested that Ms. Kim Littleton submit the request and he would put it in the contract.

Mr. Terwilliger requested the group brainstorm ideas for funding to improve trauma systems. The group will then take these ideas back to their respective councils and return to this Subcommittee with their suggestions.

Suggestions for evaluation included:

- ➤ How to measure effectiveness of how to funds are spent.
- > Governor's Office of Planning and Budget look at how money is improving the trauma system
- Existing data/software support and trip report accuracy
- Penetrating trauma versus blunt trauma
- > Study of injury deaths/death rate in rural areas versus urban areas
- ➤ What do the citizens need? What do the Paramedics/EMT's need?
- Uncompensated Care
- Classes (EMR/EMT)
- First Responder Training
- EMT Scholarships/two-year commitment
- Vehicle grants (ambulance)
- > Equipment grants
- Feasibility study (logistics) fund results
- Assisting GEMA with additional AVLS units
- Leadership classes
- PHTLS/ITLS classes
- Extrication classes

Mr. Terwilliger requested that each of the Subcommittee members review the options with their respective councils and obtain feedback. Another meeting will be scheduled for this group to reconvene for further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ben Hinson discussed the ambulance inspection program from Maryland, expressing that his research indicates that the required equipment is still less than Georgia's requirements. Mr. Hinson added that Georgia was providing a high level of care, and sometimes the comparison to other states is not valid.

Mr. Terwilliger commented that Mr. Blake Thompson left a letter with him and photos which was written by an EMT who expressed appreciation for the First Responder classes, which helped to save lives. Mr. Terwilliger provided the letter and photos to Mr. Pettyjohn to distribute as he deemed appropriate.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

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A suggestion was made to change the meeting date from Thursday to another day of the week due to
scheduling conflicts. Mr. Terwilliger suggested everyone bring their calendars to the next meeting for
discussion. Mr. Pettyjohn asked if the November meeting should be changed, the group decided to hold
another meeting in September, and then reconvene with the regularly scheduled November meeting; and
then discuss possible changes for future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Crafted by Tammy Smith

GEORGIA TRAUMA CARE NETWORK COMMISSION

VALIDATION OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE CLAIM DATA- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AGREED UPON PROCEDURES

For the Year Ending December 31, 2011



GEORGIA TRAUMA CARE NETWORK COMMISSION

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

We have performed the procedures enumerated on Attachments A and A-1, which were agreed to by you, solely to assist you with respect to the validation of uncompensated care claim data for the year ending December 31, 2011. The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission and the Emergency Medical Services Agencies (as listed on Attachment A) management are responsible for the uncompensated care claim data submitted for these procedures. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described on Attachments A and A-1, either for the purpose for which this report has been requested, or for any other purpose.

Our findings, documentation and recommendations for the procedures outlined in Attachments A and A-1 are outlined in Attachments B, B-1, and B-2, to this report.

We were not engaged to, and did not, conduct an audit or examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the uncompensated care claim data. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission and the Emergency Medical Services Agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

WARREN AVERETT, LLC

Warren averett, LLC

May 29, 2013 Atlanta, Georgia

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VALIDATION OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE CLAIM DATA: PROCEDURES

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agencies that Submitted Uncompensated Care Claims for CY2011:

- 1. Angel Emergency Medical Service
- 2. Bartow County EMS
- 3. Ben Hill County EMS
- 4. Burke County EMA
- 5. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Children's Transport
- 6. City of Forest Park Fire & Emergency Services
- 7. Colquitt County EMS
- 8. Dawson County EMS
- 9. Dekalb County Fire and Rescue
- 10. Dodge County EMS
- 11. Dooly County EMS
- 12. Effingham County EMS
- 13. Elbert County EMS
- 14. Emanuel County EMS
- 15. EMS Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Rural Metro Ambulance
- 16. Event EMS
- 17. Floyd EMS
- 18. Gold Cross EMS
- 19. Grady County EMS
- 20. Grady Health System Ambulance Service
- 21. Gwinnett County Fire and EMS
- 22. Heartland EMS
- 23. Henry County Board of Commissioners
- 24. Houston County EMS
- 25. Jeff Davis County EMS
- 26. Laurens County EMS
- 27. Madison County EMS
- 28. Medical Center of Central Georgia EMS
- 29. Mid Georgia Ambulance Service
- 30. National EMS, Inc.
- 31. Oglethorpe County EMS
- 32. Peach County Ambulance
- 33. Pickens County EMS
- 34. Screven County EMS
- 35. South Georgia Ventures, Inc.
- 36. Tattnall Community EMS
- 37. Thomas County EMS
- 38. Toombs-Montgomery EMS
- 39. Upson Ambulance Company, LLC
- 40. Wayne County EMS
- 41. Wilkes County EMS

VALIDATION OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE CLAIM DATA: PROCEDURES

Procedures:

The following are the agreed-upon procedures that Warren Averett, LLC (WA) was engaged to perform related to the EMS Agencies listed above.

- WA will receive all EMS Uncompensated Care Claims Data (UCCC) data from individual EMS agencies based on the survey posted to the Commission website.
- WA will review all submitted claims and select a sample of EMS agencies to test (based on the methodology described below).

We will stratify claim results by claims dollars and by claims volume using the following tiers:

Large:>/= \$50,000

Medium: \$15,000-\$50,000

Lower: </= \$15.000

- 3. WA will propose a sample of claims to test for each large tier location. WA will perform site visits and testing at each large tier location. Testing of large tier locations is expected to obtain coverage of total claims dollars/volume submitted of approximately 60 70%. The coverage % may increase or decrease slightly from this range based on the natural divisions within the actual claims data.
- 4. WA will also propose a sample of claims to test for each medium tier location. WA will conduct phone interviews/remote access testing at each medium tier location. Testing of medium tier locations is expected to obtain coverage of total claims dollars/volume submitted of approximately 10 20%. The coverage % may increase or decrease slightly from this range based on the natural divisions within the actual claims data.
- 5. WA will haphazardly select certain locations from the remaining lower tier locations and propose a sample of claims to test. The locations selected from the lower tier would range between 5 to 10 locations. WA will conduct phone interviews/remote access testing at these lower tier locations.
- WA will review the proposed sampling plan with the Commission staff for their approval of the testing scope and final sample selection.
- WA will schedule all EMS testing appointments for site visits or phone interviews/remote access testing.

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- 8. For a select group of EMS agencies as outlined above, we will select a sample of the uncompensated care claims from the list collected above as follows:
 - a. For EMS agencies with less than 25 claims, WA will test 5 claims;
 - For EMS agencies with between 25 and 50 claims, WA will test 10 claims;
 - c. For EMS agencies with between 50 and 150 claims, WA will test 20 claims; and,
 - d. For EMS agencies with greater than 150 claims, WA will test 40 claims.
- 9. For each claim selected above we will view the electronic billing record (EBR) or systems comparable to the EBR to determine that as of the date that the data was submitted above that it meets the Commission's specified criteria for consideration as an uncompensated care claim. The criteria are as follows:
 - a. The EBR shows the patient had no medical insurance, including Medicare Part B coverage.
 - b. The EBR shows the patient was not eligible for medical assistance coverage.
 - c. The EBR shows that the patient had no medical coverage through workers' compensation, automobile insurance, or any other third party, including any settlement or judgment resulting from such coverage.
 - d. The EBR shows that the patient has not paid more than 10% of total charges after documented attempts by the EMS agency to collect payments.
 - e. The EBR shows that there were no third party payments received.
- 10. For each claim selected in our sample (as defined above), WA will determine that the EMS agency has documented attempts at collection using the documentation that is available at each agency.
- 11. WA will consider the additional clarifications approved by the GTCNC listed below:
 - A. Claims deemed qualified under the GTCNC uncompensated care definition:
 - a. Cases where financial counselors at the EMS agency determined that the patients qualified for a charity program offered by the agency whereby the account was written off and further attempts to collect were not made.
 - b. Cases where patients were victims of a crime and the EMS agency received a small payment up to 10% of charges from a third party charity.
 - c. Cases where patients were undocumented aliens and the EMS agency received a small payment up to 10% of charges from a third party charity.
 - d. Cases where insurance could not be verified.

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- B. Claims deemed NOT qualified under the GTCNC uncompensated care definition:
 - a. Cases where the patient expired and the EMS agency did not attempt to collect.
 - Cases where patients received settlements directly but did not pay the EMS agency after repeated collection attempts.
 - c. Cases where there was a reciprocal agreement with another party for exchange of services and the EMS agency did not attempt further collection procedures.
 - d. Cases where claims are sold to collections agency.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED

WA discussed the findings summarized in Attachment B and presented in detail in Attachment B-1 from the execution of our agreed-upon procedures as described in Attachment A with the Executive Director for the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission. As a result of this discussion, WA was engaged to perform the following additional procedures:

- Provide each EMS agency with the findings from our agreed-upon procedures as described in Attachment A. See the information that was provided to each EMS agency in Attachment B-1.
- Request revised lists of uncompensated care claims from the following EMS agencies:
 - Grady Health System Ambulance Service
 - Gold Cross EMS
 - Dekalb County Fire and Rescue
 - Gwinnett County Fire and EMS
 - Medical Center of Central Georgia EMS
 - Emanuel County EMS
 - Madison County EMS

These revised lists should be duplicates of the original list provided to WA minus any claims that were identified in our agreed-upon procedures (AUP) to be in error (re: Attachment B Findings A through E in our report).

- Compare the revised lists received above against the original lists received to ensure that errors WA noted in the AUP were eliminated (along with any other claims that the EMS agencies identified as erroneous) and that there are no new claims added to the list.
- Revise WA AUP report to report the updated uncompensated care claims for each EMS agency. Results are presented in Attachment B-2.
- 5. Provide our draft report to the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission.
- Make any additional revisions to our draft report as requested by the Commission.

WA performed only the procedures outlined in Attachments A and A-1 and did not perform any additional procedures. We did not perform any procedures to evaluate if there were trauma patient claims that should have been reported by the EMS agencies as uncompensated care claims and were not.

VALIDATION OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE CLAIM DATA

FINDINGS SUMMARY:

We have accumulated our findings from our agreed-upon procedures that are outlined in Attachment A. They are outlined below along with our recommendations which have been considered and acted upon as deemed appropriate (See Attachment A-1). Additional information for each finding can be found in the detailed reports by location. (See Attachment B-1)

- Finding: We noted claims at the following EMS agencies where we concluded that the documentation did not meet the criteria for an uncompensated care claim due to:
 - A. Patient had insurance including Medicare Part B coverage
 - EMS Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Rural Metro Ambulance
 - · Dekalb County Fire and Rescue
 - · Gwinnett County Fire and EMS
 - Emanuel County EMS
 - · Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Children's Transport
 - Madison County EMS

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend the GTCNC consider requesting that these EMS agencies revise their CY2011 uncompensated care claim list to exclude all claims where patients had insurance including Medicare Part B coverage.

- B. Patient was eligible for medical assistance coverage
 - Gold Cross EMS
 - · Dekalb County Fire and Rescue
 - · National EMS, Inc.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend the GTCNC consider requesting that these EMS agencies revise their CY2011 uncompensated care claim list to exclude all claims where patients were eligible for medical assistance coverage.

- C. Patient had medical coverage for trauma care through workers' compensation, automobile insurance, or any other third party, including any settlement or judgment resulting from such coverage.
 - · Grady Health System Ambulance Service
 - Gold Cross EMS
 - Dekalb County Fire and Rescue
 - Gwinnett County Fire and EMS
 - Medical Center of Central Georgia EMS
 - Madison County EMS

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- D. Receipt of a third party payment
 - · Dekalb County Fire and Rescue
 - · Emanuel County EMS
 - Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Children's Transport

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the GTCNC consider requesting these EMS agencies revise their CY2011 uncompensated care claim list to exclude all claims where third party payments were received.

- E. Information regarding the claim tested could not be identified in the EBR.
 - · Dekalb County Fire and Rescue
 - Medical Center of Central Georgia EMS

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the GTCNC consider requesting these EMS agencies revise their CY2011 uncompensated care claim list to exclude all claims where information regarding the claim is not included in the EBR.

DETAIL FINDINGS BY LOCATION

EMS AGENCY: EMS VENTURES

Procedures: For EMS agency's with greater than 150 claims, we will led 40.

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DETAIL FINDINGS BY LOCATION

EMS AGENCY: GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULANCE SERVICE

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EMS AGENCY: GOLD CROSS EMS

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Precedents: For EMS agency's with greater than 150 claims, we will too 40.

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EMS AGENCY: DEKALB COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE

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UNK	43067	2/20/2011	1	Ц		Н		Н	-	Vo information in system requesting this account.
\$10001900S	43217	3/18/2011		Ц			Н	Н		fransier of service to another EMS, no hillings or information regarding this account.
3F1100021511	43288	3/27/2011	X	P	ř	₽	ΧI	ř	P	Patient has treatment and insurance made a payment on the account.
3F1100033762	43676	50,4/2011	X	P	7	9	×	-	P	Patient has insurance and insurance paid the account in full.
OF 1100043900	43983	6/21/2011	×	P	70	7	~	7	-	Patient has insurance and insurance made a payment on the account.
CONC	45706	9/30/2011	ľ				Н	н	-	to information in epidem regarding this account.
UNK	43823	10/8/2011	X	₽	₽	P	×	P	P	Writers has incurance and insurance made a prement on the account.
DE11000770	46013	10/28/2011					Н	Н	-	Vo information in system regarding this account.
DF11000810	46198	11/13/2011						-	-96	to information in eyelem regarding this account.
DF1100091876	46527	12/26/2011	7	7	×	7	~	2		Victim of crime (VOC) payment morived, paid entire balance.
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DETAIL FINDINGS BY LOCATION

EMS AGENCY: GWINNETT COUNTY FIRE AND EMS

Purpose: To lest that uncompensated care claims are properly recognized according to the criteria admitting conductor. For EMS approach with areater than 150 claims, are well lest 40.

dures: For EMS agency's with ground than 150 claims, we will lest 40.

Owinnet County Fire and FMS reported a total of 186 claims, therefore we selected a sample of 40 to test

For each claim selected, we virtued the electronic balling mount (FSR) or document comparable to the ESR. We determined whether the claims selected met the criteria for consideration as an uncompensated core claim.

The ESS shows the patient had no modical insurance, including Modicare Part B coverage.

The ESS shows the patient was not eligible for medical assistance coverage.

The FERR shows that the patient had no medical coverage for inarras care through workers

compensation, automobile insurance, or eny other third party, including any settlement

- d The EES drows that the patient has not paid more than 10% of total charges after documented attempts by the training care services provider to collect payments
- hospital has decumented attempts at poliection via documentation availab
- We verified the address of the pickup point matched the pickup point noted in the records reviewed

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1-053492	1-018622	1-010485-1	PCR
7871	5876	6768	Trauma Number
10/30/201	4/19/2011	3/3/201	Admir Date
-	X	P	
-	-	P	
i i	P	X	
-	P	P	
-	P	P	
-	P	P	-
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faint has medical insurance. Caim was submitted but no payment has been received jet.	Within has medical insurance. Claim was submitted but no payment has been received yet.	Patient received a settlement which paid the entire balance in full.	Comments

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DETAIL FINDINGS BY LOCATION

EMS AGENCY: MEDICAL CENTER OF CENTRAL GEORGIA EMS

Medical Center of Central Georgia EMS had 133 claims, therefore we selected a sample of 20 for testing

engaled care claim. The criteria are so follows:

- The EER shows the patient was not eligible for medical assistance coverage.
- The FER shows that the patient had no medical coverage for insuran core through workers' compromision, automobile insurance, or any other third party, including any settlement of pudgment resulting
- The FESS shows that the patient has not paid more than 10% of total charges after documented attempts by the training ours services provides to collect payments
- The longitud has decumented attempts at collection via documentation available at the hospital

Additionally, for each chirat selected we determined the following

We verified the address of the pickup point matched the pickup point noted in the records reviewed.

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DETAIL FINDINGS BY LOCATION

EMS AGENCY: NATIONAL EMS

- The FISS shows that the patient had no medical coverage for traums care through workers' compensation, attentible insusmon, or any other third party, including any well-

The EER shows that the patient has not paid more than 10% of total charges after documented attempts by the traums

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DETAIL FINDINGS BY LOCATION

EMS AGENCY: EMMANUEL COUNTY EMS

- that the patient has not paid more than 10% of total charges after documented attempts by the trains

- Additionally, for each claim selected we determined the following

We verified the address of the pickup point matched the pickup point noted in the records reviewed

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DETAIL FINDINGS BY LOCATION

EMS AGENCY: CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA, CHILDREN'S TRANSPORT

therefore we selected a sample of 10 fm testing.

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compensation, automobile measure, or any other third party, including any settlement or judgment resulting

- The EER shows that the patient had no medical coverage for traums ours through workers' The ESR, shows that the patient has not paid more than 10% of total charges after documented attempts by the basers one services provider to collect payments
- Additionally, for each clams selected we determ

We verified the address of the packup point matched the pickup point noted in the resonds reviewed

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DETAIL FINDINGS BY LOCATION

EMS AGENCY: MADISON COUNTY EMS

- The EER aboves the patient The EESR, shows that the patient had no medical coverage for traums ours thro

compensation, automobile insurance, or any other third party, including any

- Additionally, for each claim selected we deter available at the hospital.

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SUMMARY FINDINGS BY LOCATION

Locations Tested With Claims Resubmitted		C	lain	ns
		Volume		Dollars
Grady Health System Ambulance Service	Per Original Detail	423	\$	187,811.25
tested onsite	Per AUP	421	\$	186,486.03
	Difference 1	(2)	\$	(1,325.22
	Per Revised List	382	\$	169,486.72
	Difference 2	(41)	\$	(18,324.52
Gold Cross EMS	Per Original Detail	280	\$	133,312.06
tested onsite	Per AUP	276	\$	131,458.61
	Difference 1	(4)	\$	(1,853.45
	Per Revised List	262	\$	125,156.49
	Difference 2	(18)	\$	(8,155.58
Dekalb County Fire and Rescue	Per Original Detail	240	\$	111,852.55
tested onsite	Per AUP	226	\$	105,225.05
	Difference 1	(14)	\$	(6,627.50
	Per Revised List	140	\$	67,281.95
	Difference 2	(100)	\$	(44,570.60
Gwinnett County Fire and EMS	Per Original Detail	186	5	88,117.67
tested onsite	Per AUP	183	\$	86,686.14
	Difference 1	(3)	\$	(1,431.53
	Per Revised List	153	\$	72,096.16
	Difference 2	(33)	\$	(16,021.52
Medical Center of Central Georgia EMS	Per Original Detail	133	\$	65,581.38
tested onsite	Per AUP	131	\$	64,527.93
	Difference 1	(2)	\$	(1,053.45
	Per Revised List	127	\$	62,742.98
	Difference 2	(6)	\$	(2,838.40

Difference 1: ineligible claims determined by WA

Difference 2: ineligible claims determined by WA plus ineligible claims determined by EMS agency during

resubmission process

SUMMARY FINDINGS BY LOCATION—Continued

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		\$	17,943.84
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st	4	\$	2,341.85
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Difference 1: ineligible claims determined by WA

Difference 2: ineligible claims determined by WA plus ineligible claims determined by EMS agency during

resubmission process

SUMMARY FINDINGS BY LOCATION—Continued

ocations Tested Without Resubmission		Claims			
		Volume		Dollars	
EMS Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Rural Metro Ambulance	Per Original Detail	397	5	190,286.30	
tested onsite	Per AUP	396	5	189,738.34	
	Difference 1	(1)	\$	(547.96	
	Total claims per AUP	396	\$	189,738.34	
Mid Georgia Ambulance Service	Per Original Detail	113	5	63,390.18	
tested onsite	Per AUP	113	5	63,390.18	
	Difference 1	A.	\$	-	
	Total claims per AUP	113	\$	63,390.18	
National EMS, Inc.	Per Original Detail	74	5	39,797.60	
tested remotely	Per AUP	73	5	39,385.95	
	Difference 1	(1)	\$	(411.65	
	Total claims per AUP	73	\$	39,385.95	
Houston County EMS tested remotely	Per Original Detail	41	5	23,094.51	
	Per AUP	41	\$	23,094.51	
	Difference 1	4	\$	To the State of th	
	Total claims per AUP	41	\$	23,094.51	
Burke County EMA	Per Original Detail	32	5	21,962.22	
tested remotely	Per AUP	32	\$	21,962.22	
	Difference 1	- 1	5	-	
	Total claims per AUP	32	\$	21,962.22	
Heartland EMS	Per Original Detail	25	5	21,526.50	
tested remotely	Per AUP	25	\$	21,526.50	
	Difference 1	- 2	5	-	
	Total claims per AUP	25	\$	21,526.50	
Henry County Board of Commissioners	Per Original Detail	35	\$	20,177.33	
tested remotely	Per AUP	35	\$	20,177.33	
	Difference 1	16.2	\$	41.14	
	Total claims per AUP	35	\$	20,177.33	

Difference 1: ineligible claims determined by WA

SUMMARY FINDINGS BY LOCATION—Continued

Locations Tested Without Resubmission		Claims		ns
		Volume		Dollars
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Children's Transport	Per Original Detail	34	\$	18,949.17
tested remotely	Per AUP	33	5	18,432.72
	Difference 1	(1)	\$	(516.45)
	Total claims per AUP	33	\$	18,432.72
Angel Emergency Medical Service	Per Original Detail	34	\$	16,111.21
tested remotely	Per AUP	34	5	16,111.21
	Difference 1		\$	
	Total claims per AUP	34	5	16,111.21
Jeff Davis County EMS	Per Original Detail	15	\$	15,873.25
tested remotely	Per AUP	15	\$	15,873.25
	Difference 1	-	\$	
	Total claims per AUP	15	\$	15,873.25
Laurens County EMS	Per Original Detail	19	5	13,682.80
tested remotely	Per AUP	19	\$	13,682.80
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	Total claims per AUP	19	\$	13,682.80
Floyd EMS	Per Original Detail	22	5	9,937.10
tested remotely	Per AUP	22	\$	9,937.10
	Difference 1	-	5	
	Total claims per AUP	22	\$	9,937.10
Dawson County EMS	Per Original Detail	5	\$	2,607.25
tested remotely	Per AUP	5	\$	2,607.25
200	Difference 1	-	\$	- 4
	Total claims per AUP	5	\$	2,607.25
South Georgia Ventures, Inc.	Per Original Detail	1	\$	1,120.62
tested remotely	Per AUP	1	\$	1,120.62
	Difference 1	-	\$	TIE-
	Total claims per AUP	1	\$	1,120.62
Total	Per Original Detail	847	\$	458,516.01
	Per AUP	844	5	457,039.95
	Difference 1	(3)	\$	(1,476.06)
	Total claims per AUP	844	5	457,039.95

Difference 1: ineligible claims determined by WA

SUMMARY FINDINGS BY LOCATION—Continued

Locations Not Tested			lair	ns	
		Volume		Dollars	
Effingham County EMS	Per Original Detail	22	\$	13,368.27	
Peach County Ambulance	Per Original Detail	19	5	12,507.34	
Wilkes County EMS	Per Original Detail	15	\$	11,477.27	
Toombs-Montgomery EMS	Per Original Detail	8	5	10,637.05	
Ben Hill County EMS	Per Original Detail	6	\$	9,181.50	
Dodge County EMS	Per Original Detail	9	\$	8,858.75	
Bartow County EMS	Per Original Detail	14	5	8,209.17	
Elbert County EMS	Per Original Detail	9	\$	7,064.73	
Thomas County EMS	Per Original Detail	14	\$	6,393.92	
Grady County EMS	Per Original Detail	10	\$	5,602.90	
Wayne County EMS	Per Original Detail	5	5	5,398.97	
Screven County EMS	Per Original Detail	5	\$	5,327.05	
Upson Ambulance Company, LLC	Per Original Detail	7	\$	5,314.29	
Colquitt County EMS	Per Original Detail	7	5	3,735.75	
Tattnall Community EMS	Per Original Detail	3	\$	3,647.51	
Pickens County EMS	Per Original Detail	4	5	3,455.67	
City of Forest Park Fire & Emergency Services	Per Original Detail	7	\$	3,409.65	
Oglethorpe County EMS	Per Original Detail	5	\$	2,964.82	
Dooly County EMS	Per Original Detail	2	\$	1,343.55	
Event EMS	Per Original Detail	1	\$	427.40	
		172	5	128,325.52	

Summary		Claims			
		Volume		Dollars	
	Per Original Detail	2,307	\$	1,196,288.57	
	Claims Not tested	172	5	128,325.52	
	Total Claims Subject to Testing	2,135	\$	1,067,963.05	
	Claims % Subject to Testing	93%		89%	
	Totals Per AUP	2,104	\$	1,051,709.40	
	Difference 1	(31)	5	(16,253.65)	
	Per Revised List	1,085	5	514,700.51	
	Per AUP Without Resubmission	844	\$	457,039.95	
	Total After Revised List and AUP	1,929	\$	971,740.47	
	Claims Not Tested	172	\$	128,325.52	
	Total Claims	2,101	\$	1,100,065.99	
	Difference 2	(206)	\$	(96,222,58)	

Difference 1: ineligible claims determined by WA Difference 2: ineligible claims determined by WA plus ineligible claims determined by EMS agency during resubmission process

SUMMARY FINDINGS BY LOCATION—Continued

Summary	Claims				
	Volume			Dollars	
Large Tier (tested on site)	1,772	76.8%	5	840,351.38	70.2%
Medium Tier (tested remotely)	310	13.4%	S	196,643.22	16.4%
Lower Tier (tested remotely)	53	2.3%	5	30,968.44	2.6%
Total Claims Subject to Testing	2,135	92.5%	\$	1,067,963.05	89.3%
Lower Tier (not tested)	172	7.5%	5	128,325.52	10.7%
Total Claims	2,307		\$	1,196,288.57	

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION:

We recommend that the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission consider the following suggestions for validating EMS uncompensated care claims for the upcoming year:

- We suggest verifying the urban or rural classification that is submitted by each EMS agency.
- We suggest verifying the transport mileage submitted by each EMS agency.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you. This report summarizes the results of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

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