

Mobile Integrated Healthcare Working Group

September 2017

Charge: Within available appropriations and in consultation with the Department of Social Services and the Insurance Department convene a working group to implement a mobile integrated healthcare program.

Goal: Permit a paramedic to provide community-based health care within his or her scope of practice and to make recommendations regarding transportation by EMS of a patient to a destination other than an emergency department.

“Community-based health care” – means health care provided using patient-centered, mobile resources outside of the hospital environment

TASKS:

(1) Identify:

- a) Areas in the state that would benefit from mobile integrated health care due to gaps in the availability of health care services in such areas
- b) Any patient care interventions that a paramedic may provide within a paramedics scope of practice
- c) Any additional education or training that paramedics may need in order to provide community – based health care
- d) Any potential savings or additional costs associated with the provision or health care coverage for community-based health care that an insured may incur
- e) Any potential reimbursement issues related to healthcare coverage for the provision of community-based health care by a paramedic
- f) Minimum criteria for the implementation of a mobile integrated health care program
- g) Any statute or regulation that may be impacted by the implementation of the mobile integrated healthcare program
- h) Any successful models for a mobile integrated health care program implemented in other areas of the country

(2) In collaboration with CEMSAB and CEMSMACC make recommendations regarding:

- a) The ability of an EMS provider to transport a patient to an alternative destination other than a hospital emergency department for health care services when established protocols dictate that the emergency department is not the most appropriate destination for such patient
- b) Whether an EMS provider requires additional training for purposes of making a determination regarding whether to transport a patient to an alternative destination

Time Line:

- a) No later than January 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Public Health – shall report regarding the outcome and the recommendations of the working group to implement the mobile integrated health care program to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly