

**Missouri Emergency Medical Services Agent  
Corporation Board of Directors Zoom Call Minutes  
June 15, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Jason White at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 15, 2023, attendance was as follows:

**Officers**

Jason White  
John Clemens

**GLO Staff**

Drew Oestreich  
George Oestreich

**Members at Large**

Jamie Roller  
Dave York  
Justin Duncan  
Greg Brown

**MHCA Staff**

Teresa Baysinger

**Absent**

Bob Patterson  
Mark Alexander

**EMS Formula Change**

Mo HealthNet sent out updated tax rates. Jason White has had several conversations with Mid-MO EMS regarding how high their tax has increased over what it has been. The high increase is about what GLO was expecting to see. Due to the tax change, MoEMAC had to increase the portion collected of the enhanced fees to pay the higher taxes to the State. Part of the issue is the large number of services that are not billing Medicaid but are part of the FRA program. Those that are not billing any Medicaid but have a tax is requiring the MoEMSAC program to collect higher amounts of the enhanced fees to pay the state the tax in full on behalf of the ambulance services. There was discussion regarding why services are not billing. If those that are not billing their Medicaid continue to not bill, it will cause MoEMSAC to require dipping into reserves and escrow to cover the tax payment to the state. MoEMSAC board is going to reach out to the providers not billing to determine why.

Drew Oestreich has talked with Mo HealthNet, Tony Bright, and they have agreed to revisit the tax amounts and rebalance, if necessary, in October.

**Escrowed Funds**

A little over \$11 million has been paid to the state for tax due for state fiscal year 2023. The remaining \$11 million needs to be kept in escrow until the new rates/formula change levels out.

**Dept. of Mental Health**

Jason reported to the board that the Depart. Of Mental Health contacted him letting him know they were awarded \$5 million of the State's general revenue budget for payment for ambulances to transfer non-insurance mental health patients to crisis centers. The Dept. of Mental Health has asked MoEMSAC to run this new program as they have no way to run something like this. Mark and Jason have talked to MHCA to determine if MHCA staff can take this on and process. Teresa at MHCA reported that after talking to Nikki, we would be interested in this however, only in the payment processing, not the data collection. MHCA has no way to collect the data required from the ambulance services. Nikki wants to have a meeting with Jason, Mark, the legal counsel, and Dept. of Mental Health to talk this through and determine what is needed and how best to make this happen.

Jason has been tasked with writing up definitions for the program to explain what qualifies a patient to be a mental

health patient and require ambulance services. He is also working with Emily Solum at Husch Blackwell to write up contracts for this new program between Dept. of Mental Health and with MHCA.

There was discussion on how to properly determine if a patient is un-insured. Jamie Roller brought up that patients will tell them they don't have insurance and then 2 or 3 months later, the service receives a payment from another source (insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid).

Drew asked what they would be paid on. Jason explained that the initial suggestion was to use the existing Medicaid rates from BLS and ALS non-emergencies. He believes these codes will be most of the calls. Jamie asked how it would be determined if the patient needed to be transported by an ambulance. What if the EMS service simply transports them in an SUV that an EMS has? There was much discussion.

The Director of Dept. of Mental Health also told Jason that they do plan to try to get more in the next budget to keep this program going as long as possible.

#### **Payment for Services**

Jason emailed PSO to get an update from them.

#### **GEMT/MCO**

Jason reported the materials for CMS are in draft form and the quality material is in draft. Tony Bright reach out to Jorgan Schlemeier and ask him some questions through him. Jason is supposed to meet with Tony after July 4.

Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Clemens". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

John Clemens  
MoEMSAC Secretary