

**GETAC EMS Meeting
11-18-2007, Houston, Texas**

Members Present; Chairman P. Wolf, C. Callsen, B. Coughlan, K. Deramus, M. Farris, A. Garcia, A. Johnson, L. Maes, L. Mitchell, B. Petrilla, K. Price-Grant, L. C. Smith, Squires and D. Wait

Members Absent; A. Aaron, L. Charpentier, M. Miriovsky, D. Owens and K. Roles

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wolf at 1:10pm

TDSHS staff reports were given by Maxey Bishop and Linda Jones with questions answered by both. Topics discussed included the NR test data, rule revisions and the data registry.

Discussion items included;

1. 157.XX (Subscription Rule) There was a long discussion concerning the motion that was made, amended and passed at the May GETAC meeting. The motion that passed removed all references to air medical providers and the verbiage was intended to be reintroduced into the rule after any pre-emptive FAA regulations were clarified and no conflicts identified. The committee recognizes that there are potential pre-emptive issues with the rule, but wanted to send it forward and have the issues identified as problematic by the legal staff or challenged. Additionally, if the rule passed by GETAC goes into effect and the existing subscription language in 157.11 (Provider License Rule) is removed, there would be no regulation concerning the sale of subscriptions or memberships by air medical providers. It was decided to make a motion for GETAC to reconsider adding the original language back into 157.XX (Subscription Rule), ensuring that both ground and air providers would be regulated with or without the ultimate adoption of the new subscription rule.

2. 157.11 (Provider Licensing Rule) Due to recent legislation, verbiage had to be added ensuring EpiPens (or equivalent) are carried on all licensed EMS Provider vehicles and the gurney car restrictions included. Since the recently revised rule had not made its way through the process yet, the changes could be added easily. The changes as presented were discussed with no changes suggested.

3. 157.44 (Instructor Certification) Briefly discussed and no changes suggested to staff's recommendations.

4. Shawn Salter with San Antonio AirLife addressed the committee concerning EMS personnel infectious disease exposure concerns, as he had done earlier with the Med. Dir. Committee. The committee agreed to support a motion that the Med. Dir. Committee will present to GETAC, asking for the formation a Task Force addressing those concerns.

The audience was given an opportunity to give input and voice concerns on all the discussion/action items prior to voting.

Action Items;

1. Unanimously voted to ask GETAC to reconsider the motion they approved at the May meeting removing all references to Air Medical Providers from 157.XX (Subscription Rule) and adding the previously approved verbiage back in, assuring that both ground and air providers would be regulated.

2. Unanimously voted to ask GETAC to approve TxDSHS's recommended language and approve 157.11 (Provider License Rule) as presented.

3. Unanimously voted to ask GETAC to approve TxDSHS's recommended language and approve 157.44 (Instructor Certification) as presented.

4. Unanimously voted to support the Med. Director's recommendation to form a Task Force to address the EMS personnel infectious disease exposure concerns.

Upcoming meeting dates and locations were announced and the audience asked if anyone had any other announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.