

GMVEMS Council

Research Committee Meeting

February 15, 2021

**PRESENT:**

Dr. Nancy Pook, Chair of Clinical Research Committee and attending ER Physician for Kettering Health

Dr. Randy Marriott, ER, Physician, Medical Director for Premier Health

Dr. Carmen Quatman, Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon

Jessica Wiseman, Ohio State University, Trauma Division

David Gerstner, DFD/Regional MMRS Coordinator

Chief Nicholas Judge, EMS Chief for Dayton Fire

Laura Clark, EMS Coordinator for Premier Health and Community Paramedicine Program Manager

Captain Justin Buehler, Clearcreek Fire

Paula Balcom, Riverside Fire FF/Community Paramedicine Program

Joan Mendenhall, Director of Case management, Caresource and Marketplace

Christopher Angst, Digitech EMS Billing

Nick Thornton, EMS Coordinator for Mercy Health/Springfield

Cheryl Wears, Mercy Health Champaign County, Community Paramedicine Program

Aaron Vance, Monroe Fire/FF/Community Paramedicine Program

Joseph Burdick, EMS Coordinator for Premier Health

Jennifer Mason, EMS Coordinator for Kettering Health

Amy Dunkin, Dayton Fire/GROW Team

Captain Greg Patterson, Dayton Fire/Community Service Outreach

Larry Sexton, Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services

Justin Palmer, EMS Coordinator for Kettering Health Network

Nathan Pulliam, Dayton Fire, Community Paramedicine Program

Kendra Harris, Dayton Fire, Community Paramedicine Program, Co-chair of Research Committee

## Call to Order

The February 15, 2022 research meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council was called to order at 10:01am by Co-chair Kendra Harris followed by introductions.

## Guest Speakers

Christopher Angst, Digitech EMS Billing for Dayton Fire on A0998 code

The A0998 code is used to bill insurance companies for an EMS incident where a unit responds to a scene and provides treatment but doesn't transport to a facility (Treatment no Transport)

- a. Currently not a covered service through Medicaid, Medicare and HMO's
- b. Not specific to Community Paramedicine

Some questions were raised about the A0998 code to Christopher the questions and answers his answers are as follows:

Q: Do we know if any commercial carriers have a list of treatments or procedures that would guarantee TNT reimbursement or increase the chances that a TNT claim will be paid? Have we noticed that certain interventions are more likely to result in payments from any carriers?

A: No. Commercial payers pay based on the CPT code A0998. The treatments, procedures performed should not factor into their process that determines whether a claim is paid, or how much is paid.

Q: Are we aware of any other states where Medicaid *does* cover TNTs?

A: Georgia, California, Iowa, and Missouri are a few states where Medicaid reimburses for TNTs. Minnesota and Oregon may as well, but we have no clients in those states at this time and aren't very familiar with their Medicaid systems.

Q: Are there any exceptions to the rules that dictate that Medicare will not cover a TNT?

A: Besides ET3, the only non-transport Medicare will cover is a DOA where the patient is pronounced *after* the ambulance is dispatched.

Dr. Carmen Quatman, Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon

Lift assist/Fall prevention program in collaboration with EMS that began in 2016

- a. Community-FIT program that focus on fixing the gap on fall prevention
- b. Trained in Quality Improvement
- c. Goal of the program is to create an environment where the root of the problem can be identified and addressed quickly
- d. Received Philanthropy and Community Engagement Grant for fall prevention

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Update on Sotrovimab Infusions

- a. Criteria was expanded only 1 high risk criteria needed for infusions
- b. New Monoclonal Therapy Infusion “Telovimab” can be pushed given SIVP in 30seconds
- c. Confirmed Covid19 numbers coming down

Adjournment

There was no further business or discussion meeting adjourned at 1120pm