



Greater Miami Valley EMS Council

Guide to Optional Community EMS Programs

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Introduction:

The Greater Miami Valley EMS Council (GMVEMSC) has created and published a series of *Optional Community EMS Programs*. These programs are sometimes called “Community Paramedicine” or “Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIHC)”. This is another benefit offered by the GMVEMSC to its member agencies. Many of these programs have been previously utilized and shared by GMVEMSC member agencies, while others have been drafted based upon specific needs identified and addressed within GMVEMSC committees. Some programs require paramedic certification; others can be used by providers of various levels. The GMVEMSC Research Committee will add to these programs in the future.

Purpose:

The purpose of the *Optional Community EMS Programs* is to share effective EMS programs among the region. The included programs have been published in template form to facilitate adoption and implementation by GMVEMSC member agencies. As the title suggests, the adoption and implementation of any of these programs is completely optional. Therefore, member agencies may pick and choose the programs that best fit their community needs and available resources. Adoption and implementation of *Optional Community EMS Programs* are not requirements, but rather opportunities.

Design:

The template of each *Optional Community EMS Program* generally includes the following core sections:

- Purpose
- Target Participants
- Procedure

Implementation:

The *Optional Community EMS Programs* are offered by GMVEMSC as templates. Actual implementation is entirely the responsibility of the implementing member agency. The GMVEMSC strongly suggests that the implementing member agency amend the template program to best fit their needs and current policies, rather than simply adopting the template as presented.

Implementation of any of these programs requires involvement from the agency's medical director. In addition, the agency should provide training for all personnel over the concepts and procedures of any new EMS program prior to field implementation.

Evaluation:

The GMVEMSC suggests that the implementing member agency conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of any EMS program at routine intervals, through programs designed to ensure quality assurance (QA) and quality improvement (QI). Adjustments should be made to any EMS program as the need is identified.