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### **NASEMSO Announces State Model Rules for the Regulation of Air Medical Services**

**September 21, 2016** (Falls Church, VA) Today, at its Fall Meeting, the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) released “State Model Rules for the Regulation of Air Medical Services” to assist states with regulatory language intended to avoid conflict with the Airlines Deregulation Act (ADA) and the possibility of Federal preemption. These model rules are intended to be applied in a manner that would confine their scope to matters solely related to medical care, and not construed in a way that could constitute regulation of aviation safety or economic matters.

NASEMSO is the lead national organization for emergency medical services (EMS) and a respected voice for national EMS policy. Air ambulances are *medical* resources that are used and integrated within EMS systems to provide patient care. In response to “*Guidelines for the Use and Availability of Helicopter Emergency Medical Transport (HEMS)*” published by the United States Department of Transportation in April 2015, NASEMSO sought to identify opportunities for state regulations that address outcomes related to:

- Quality of emergency medical care provided to patients
- Requirements related to the qualifications and training of air ambulance medical personnel
- Scope of practice and credentialing
- Maintenance of medical records, data collection, and reporting
- Medically related equipment standards
- Patient care environments
- EMS radio communications
- Medically related dispatch requirements
- Medical transport plans including transport to appropriate facilities
- Other medical licensing requirements

The Model Rules can be downloaded at <https://www.nasemso.org/Projects/AirMedical/>.