



## **Request for Limited Input into the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' ET3 Model**

**W**hereas on February 27, 2019 the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced an exciting and innovative proposal titled Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model;

**Whereas** the National Association of Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) believes that with this Model, CMS is taking bold action to improve the health of the population and reduce costs;

**Whereas** NASEMSO strongly favors the CMS ET3 initiative and wishes to make it as successful as possible;

**Whereas** the ET3 model includes two major components, the first of which involves the release of a Request for Applications in the summer of 2019 for ambulance services and providers wishing to obtain CMS approval to bill for transport to an alternate treatment site;

**Whereas** the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS) mission statement calls for “coordination among Federal agencies supporting local, regional, State, tribal, and territorial emergency medical services and 911 systems, to improve the delivery of EMS services throughout the nation”;

**Whereas** the United States Department of Health and Human Services is a member of the FICEMS;

**Whereas** the FICEMS Charter includes a representative of state EMS directors and NASEMSO is the national organization representing state EMS directors;

**Whereas** many states have existing statutory, regulatory or policy positions that may be directly impacted by CMS ET3 guidelines for ambulance services and providers;

**Whereas** some states have initiated activities with their state Medicaid agency and other providers which may be impacted by any proposed CMS ET3 guidelines for ambulance services and providers;

**Whereas** if CMS releases the guidelines for ambulance services and providers without consulting with NASEMSO, the CMS ET3 initiative may be less effective than it would otherwise be; and

**Whereas** extending NASEMSO an opportunity to review and offer suggestions on the ET3 guidelines is consistent with the FICEMS mission.

**N**ow therefore be it resolved that NASEMSO encourages CMS to request input on the ambulance services and providers component of the CMS ET3 initiative from NASEMSO before they are publicly released; and

**Be it further resolved that** NASEMSO is willing to provide its feedback to CMS within sixty days of receiving the draft guidelines.

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Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.



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