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July 18, 2017

3:00 PM EDT

Attending – Paul Patrick (UT), Keith Wages (GA), Jim DeTienne (MT), Andy Gienapp (WY), Joe Schmider (TX), Dr. Harry Sibold (MT), Juliet Altenburg (PA), Todd Manni (RI), Carole Mays (MD), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Sue Prentiss (NASEMSO)

Call to Order / Call Roll / Approve Agenda – Paul Patrick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM EDT.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes – The May Meeting record was approved without changes.

HR 304, Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017/ S 916 (*For more information, see [NASEMSO GIC website](#)*) – Dr. Harry Sibold reported that the house DEA bill passed early in the session and there is confidence that the Senate version will pass, even though things are not currently moving. There are no disagreements on substance between the Senate and House on the bill.

Airplane Kids in Transit Safety (KiTS) Act - Mary Hedges reported that the language for this bill was included in the Senate and House FAA reauthorization bills which passed out of committee the last week in June. The KiTS Act would require the FAA to update emergency medical kits onboard commercial airplanes with appropriate medications and medical equipment for children. See <https://www.nasemso.org/Projects/Legislative-Regulatory-Issues.asp>

S 967, Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention and Reform Act of 2017 – Paul Patrick reported that NASEMSO has endorsed the bill, which would make permanent the urban and rural Medicare add-ons and super-rural bonus payments that have been temporarily added in past years but otherwise expire on Dec. 31, 2017.

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Strengthen EMS Act (SEMSA) Update – Mary Hedges reported that NAEMT has been developing the bill language but it has not yet been completed. Mary first learned of the bill in April at EMS on the Hill Day. Kim Krenick, NAEMT Government Affairs Manager, is willing to report to the Committee when the bill language has been completed. Paul asked Mary to share the language as soon as it is available.

Air Ambulance Balance Billing Update – Kathy Robinson was not on the call but sent an email to update the Committee. There is no new information from Kathy. Joe reported that there have been two recent court decisions in Texas; also, that the state is poised to act but he is not at liberty to say more. Jim DeTienne reported that the Montana State Legislature has been actively trying to address the balance billing issue and is getting the attention of air medical

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providers. One provider has applied to be part of the network which would help to control costs for patients. Andy added that the Wyoming legislature is looking at air ambulance billing as one of its interim topics. The Wyoming State Auditor has released information about the cost to Workers Compensation from air ambulance bills. They will be sending a letter of support to their senators to support U.S. Senator Tester's bill. Paul repeated that the Utah legislature has formed a group to study air medical billing which Dr. Peter Taillac is chairing. They will be able to obtain information from the all-payer database. See

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Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) - Juliet Altenburg (PA) thanked the Committee for including the Society of Trauma Nurses. The *Stop the Bleed Campaign* of the ACS-COT is being promoted by the Society of Trauma Nurses. They have developed a position statement in support of a National Trauma Care System. The STN supports HR 304 (the DEA bill). The STN also has formally endorsed S.1022/H.880, the MISSION ZERO Act. The act would assign Department of Defense trauma surgeons to level I, II, and III civilian trauma centers at the recommendation of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine to address variations of care methods and provide additional training.

Carole Mays reported that she is now a member of the ACS-COT Governance Workgroup-NASEM recommendation strategic implementation plan. The workgroup is developing a proposal for minimal National Trauma System criteria. Dia is a new member of the same committee and they will meet again this month. Also, Carol noted the MISSION ZERO Act ([S. 1022](#) and [H.R. 880](#)) Is moving in Congress.

Federal Funding Update (President's FY2018 Proposed Budget)

- EMSC funding was eliminated in the President's FY2018 budget, but it was fully restored in the House Labor, HHS, Education appropriations bill which was just released today.
- Other Health-related programs - Paul asked Mary to share with the committee the other health-related cuts and increases learned of today from the American Public Health Association via email.
- Paul commented that a president's budget has not been passed since Bill Clinton was in office.

State Legislation Roundtable - All

- REPLICA – Sue Prentiss reported that 11 states have passed the bill, plus Delaware is awaiting the Governor's signature on the bill. The Compact was enacted in May and its inaugural meeting will be in October, immediately prior to the Fall Meeting in Oklahoma



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City. There are 3 active workgroups who are developing the bylaws, the rule on rulemaking, and planning the inaugural meeting. Doug Wolfberg will serve as chair until one is elected at the inaugural meeting. Sixteen other states have expressed interest in REPLICA. Paul said he made a commitment to IAFF that they would address their concern (providers being able to jump states) when the REPLICA rule is drafted.

- Other – Andy Gienapp described a discussion in Wyoming about limiting professional licensing authorities from permanently banning applicants from licensure and instead limiting the ban to 20 years. “Ban the Box” is how this movement is known. Paul asked that that this item be on future GIC agendas. The National Employment Law Project is behind the movement. See <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/InterimCommittee/2017/10-0427APPENDIX29.pdf>

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM EDT.

Next Meeting – September 19, 2017

The meeting record was respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.