

Sample Base Station Medical Director Accountabilities

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

1. Current unencumbered Maryland physician license;
2. Attending physician Board Certified/Board Eligible in appropriate specialty;
3. Current completion (i.e. less than five (5) elapsed years) of Base Station Communications course;
4. Knowledge of current Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers, and
5. Knowledge of EMS operational program policies and procedures.

Responsibilities:

Under COMAR 30.03.06.04 as applies to [Hospital Name],

1. Assure online medical direction and consultation provided by the base station is timely, appropriate and consistent with the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers;
2. Participate in local and regional EMS quality improvement activities;
3. Provide patient follow-up data as required by MIEMSS to determine the appropriateness and outcome of EMS care for inpatients and outpatients, and
4. Provide reports as required by MIEMSS for quality assurance purposes.

Base station quality improvement activities shall include:

1. Review a monthly sample (dependent on annual ED volume) during which medical consultation is requested;
 - a. Weight sample toward Priority 1 and 2 consults;
 - b. Target 10% sample for EDs with annual volumes less than 50,000 visits, and
 - c. Target 3% sample for EDs with annual volumes greater than or equal to 50,000 visits.
2. Review “for cause” requests from EMS or hospital staff;
3. Review all cases during which the Extraordinary Care Protocol is invoked;
4. Review all cases of protocol variance or inability to perform a physician order;
5. Make resulting data available to EMS operational programs and MIEMSS, and
6. Retain written and audio program records in accordance with hospital retention guidelines.

Other related activities shall include:

1. Participation in EMS continuing education;
2. Annual review of the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers and presentation to base station staff of any applicable changes, and
3. If approved as a course instructor, presentation of Base Station Communications courses to base station staff.