

## Community Paramedicine

Pennsylvania Homecare Association

### Maryland

- Included in pilot program under Total Cost of Care Model Waiver, which sets a per capita limit on Medicare total cost of care in Maryland, holding the state fully at risk for the total cost of care for Medicare beneficiaries
- Senate Bill 682 directed the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) and Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to study and report on the issue of reimbursing three models of EMS care provided through emergency medical service (EMS) providers
  - EMS treat and release/refer without transport
  - EMS transport to an alternative destination
  - EMS mobile integrated health (MIH) services

### Massachusetts

- [LINK](#): Presentation by State Mobile Integrated Health and Community EMS to Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts (includes links to regulations)
- Concerns/Findings:
  - During rulemaking, Association was opposed to Community EMS programs doing home health services without the regulatory framework
  - Most programs submitted and approved don't duplicate services, result of both funding challenges and the fact that they must submit a community needs assessment showing the services are not duplicative of something else already in place
  - [LINK](#): Coverage and Reimbursement for Emergency Medical Services Care Delivery Models and Uncompensated Services

### Missouri

- Missouri Alliance for Home Care worked collaboratively with state nurses association and the paramedic, emergency and ambulance association on regulations
- Because the law was written vague, certain things could not be in regulation
- Formed ad hoc group: Partnership for Community Care (PCC), which developed a Joint Statement of Principles to help define key principles and elements for CP programs in MO.
  - [LINK](#): Joint Statement of Principles
- [LINK](#): Regulation 19 CSR 30-40.800 EMT-Community Paramedic, Community Paramedic Program, and Medical Director for EMT-Community Paramedic Program (starts on page 88)
- [LINK](#): Community Paramedic Certification Regulations
- Note: currently no state funding for Community Paramedic Program

### Nebraska

- State Board of Health approved an application to establish a Community Paramedicine Program

- Agreed to work closely with the Nebraska Home Care Association, EMS providers, and the Nurses Association to rewrite state regulations
- Concerns:
  - Must ensure the language helps protect scope of practice for nurses
  - Must clearly define paramedic's role in the home, along with the educational requirements and training
  - If the intent is to deliver services that a licensed home health agency provides, then EMS provider would need to apply for home health licensure

### **North Carolina**

- Community CareMedic Program of Mission Health Partners – first program in U.S. nation have all staff become board certified as community paramedics (CP-C)
- Embraces broadening role of paramedics beyond acute emergency services into education, treatment, and support of high-risk or chronically ill patients
- Funded through Shared Savings ACO

### **Texas**

- MedStar Mobile Healthcare Mobile Integrated Healthcare - Community Paramedicine (MIH-CP) – seeks to fill gaps in delivery system that home health services may not be able to fill:
  - Some patients don't qualify for home health because they don't have the benefit available, aren't homebound, or have exhausted the benefit period.
  - It sometimes takes a day or two between the home health referral and the first visit.
  - Patients sometimes call 9-1-1, without the knowledge of the home health agency.
- [LINK](#): Mobile Integrated Healthcare and Community Paramedicine (MIH-CP)