

VT EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES April 14, 2020

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*Transport Plan from Med Surge Group at SEOC (Bill Clark)

- 911 services should be delivered as per normal
- Non-emergency Medical transport related to COVID-19 – transports out of normal such as pickups and drop offs at residential services, home to recover, potential corrections transfers
 - These patients only need transport by ambulance due to infections status, need to keep infectious people out of public transport
 - Contract with the state for these transports will help pay for things that insurance doesn't typically cover – time to decon, uninsured patients, denials for medical necessity
 - Documentation standards the same as any other non-emergent transport for billable interfacility transports– assessment and documentation in Siren
 - VT EMS is working with Bill Clark to of SEOC to get out additional guidance out for those transports that are not medical necessity. Calls for these transports will come directly from SEOC

*Public safety has a stock of disposable face shields – one for each ambulance in the state. These are being distributed

*14 days is what PPE should be on hand when sending in requests, full guidance document will be emailed out

*Online education

- State is ready to review hybrid courses where didactic portion can be worked on now. Psychomotor and practical portions with hands-on can come later. State is pursuing a grant

*Provider tax- no decision at this point

*HHS is sending out payments to providers (will come as a direct deposit). \$62,000 per \$1,000,000 billed Medicare last year

*Survey results – absenteeism and other issues will be put up when enough responses received, possibly at end of week. More surveys may be developed to help determine what EMS capacity is in Vermont, information to help with planning