



To Eligible Providers of Ground Emergency Medical Ambulance Transportation:

I hope that you are all aware of Missouri's Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) program that was recently approved by CMS and made effective July 1, 2017. Thanks to the generous contribution of time and funding by the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs (MAFC) and a handful of providers who supplemented the development costs, we are in the final stage of implementation. Eligible providers will soon be able to take full advantage of this supplemental reimbursement program. This email contains very important information including dates of upcoming training seminars and a link to detailed program information. If you are receiving this email and are not the head of your agency, please reply to me via email and include the name and email address and I will resend to that person.

In 2015, MAFC contracted with AP Triton Consulting to help facilitate the Legislation, development, and training and implementation of the program. AP Triton has proven to be instrumental in getting GEMT across the finish line for our state as well as other states. I can attest that without their expertise, this program would not have come to fruition. The Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) has been an excellent partner throughout and several dedicated folks have invested a great deal time and effort in our success. While the state continues to develop their website, AP Triton has posted some important information for your review on their website www.aptriton.com. Follow the GEMT link for information on Missouri's program.

MAFC and DSS continue to actively work with the GEMT experts of AP Triton to bring the program to completion. This involves building the state's infrastructure to manage the program as well as all the internal processes that go along with that. Those details will be completed in time to provide three one-day training seminars, in three different cities across Missouri beginning on May 30th. An email invite will be distributed shortly. Please ensure the correct people register and attend one of the following seminars.

- Jefferson City - Wednesday, May 30th
- Kansas City area – Tuesday, June 5th
- St. Louis Area – Wednesday, June 6th

As many details of the State's processes have yet to be developed, there isn't anything your agency should be doing to prepare for the training except to register the "right" people to attend. Some of you have been contacted about preparing for the cost reporting process. Cost report training will be provided by AP Triton during the three seminars. After the training, you will have a clear picture as to how you may choose to proceed in completing your cost reports. You may be questioning what information is needed from your billing company? You likely already possess the information

required to complete your cost report. As GEMT is not an EMS operational or billing program, other than the total number of transports and the number of Medicaid transports, all the information required to complete the cost report will come from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) supplemented by justification for reported costs.

Regarding correct attendance at the upcoming seminars; As this program has very little to do with the delivery of "EMS" and is more a financial program, it is important that we have the correct persons attending. The training seminars would be best attended by the Chief Financial officer for your organization. If you are a city, that would be one of your higher-level finance people as the program will involve other departments not necessarily connected to the fire department. A senior Chief officer or Chief of staff would be more appropriate than say an EMS Captain. Again, this is high-level "finance" training.

AP Triton has posted some important information for your review on their website, www.aptriton.com. You can access Missouri GEMT information including dates and locations of the upcoming seminars. Please register to receive additional information through their client portal to stay up-to-date with the latest developments. As soon as they are officially released to the public, you will be able to access the cost reports and instructions through Triton's website. As we move forward in preparation of the upcoming training and roll-out sessions, I encourage you to regularly check the AP Triton website and/or contact them directly with questions, so you may be prepared to take full advantage of the training sessions.

Please look for my email invite and I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming workshops in May and June. As always, feel free to contact me if you have general questions.

Sincerely,
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p.s. Eligible providers are owned or operated by an eligible governmental entity, to include the state, a city, county, city and county, ambulance district, fire protection district, community services district, health care district, or a federally recognized Indian tribe.