TO: ND Licensed Ground Ambulance Services

RE: Transport Plans

DATE: June 22, 2018

Transport plans are once again being included as part of the application packet for ground ambulance service licensure. These transport plans will need to be printed, reviewed, updated as necessary and signed by your local medical director and returned to DEMS with your application for licensure. While this should be a short process as the plan has already been developed, it is important to verify on a biennial basis that the plan is up to date and available when necessary.

The purpose of these transport plans is to have ambulance services well prepared for and know where they should be transporting their patients in certain situations and from certain areas within their service area. During an emergency call is not the time to have to make these decisions. Patients with time critical conditions will be better served when these plans are set in place before the emergency takes place.

If needed, the transport plans are available on the DEMS website under ‘Licensure’ – ‘Agency’ https://www.health.nd.gov/epr/emergency-medical-systems/emergency-medical-services-system/ems-licensure/ems-agency-licensure/. As always, your local medical directors and receiving hospitals should be included in the planning for your area. Each area’s transport plans will look different and may include bypass of hospitals if that is what is most beneficial to the patient. Some things are already included in the transport plans. These are reminders of what is in rule or what is considered a guideline to follow when considering your transport plans. Please add to and revise these transport plans to fit your service area.

Once transport plans are received with the ambulance license application they will be reviewed by each task force for the time critical conditions. Plans must be received by the Division of EMS as part of the licensure packet. The review and approval process will take a few months but will not delay the licensure process.

Thank you for your continued work and dedication in ND EMS. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions.

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