



EMS Committee

March 2019

Agenda

- Vertigo: When Spinning Goes Bad
 - James Vincent, MD, FACEP FAAP
- CMS ET3 Model
 - Emergency Triage, Treat, & Transport



Ambulance Suppliers and Providers will support EMS innovation by transporting Medicare beneficiaries to currently covered destinations (e.g., ED) or alternative destinations, and by providing treatment in place with a qualified health care practitioner (on site or via telehealth).



Local Governments, its designees, or other entities that operate or have authority over one or more 911 dispatches will promote successful model implementation by establishing a medical triage line for low-acuity calls received via their 911 dispatch system.

1. Quality-adjusted payments for EMS innovations

- Provide new payment options for transport and treatment in place following a 911 call
- Tie payment to performance milestones to hold participants accountable for quality

2. Support for aligned regional markets

- Make cooperative agreements available to local governments, its designees, or other entities that operate or have authority over one or more 911 dispatches acting on their behalf in regions where selected model participants operate
- Focus funding on the establishment of medical triage lines to ensure appropriate use of EMS resources and advance multi-payer adoption to support overall success and sustainability

3. Enhanced monitoring and enforcement

- Build accountability through the monitoring of specific quality metrics and adverse events
- Include robust enforcement to ensure patient safety and program integrity



Emergency Triage, Treat & Transport (ET3)

CMS Pilot Ambulance Reimbursement Model



CMS reports 16% of EMS trips are avoidable

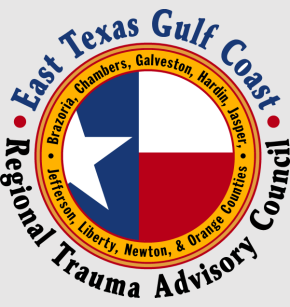


\$560M estimated savings



CMS is looking to move quickly with project

Reduce Costs, Improve Outcomes



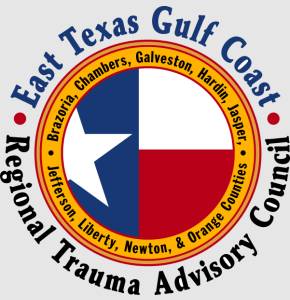
ET3 – Foundation Points

CMS Innovation Center Statute

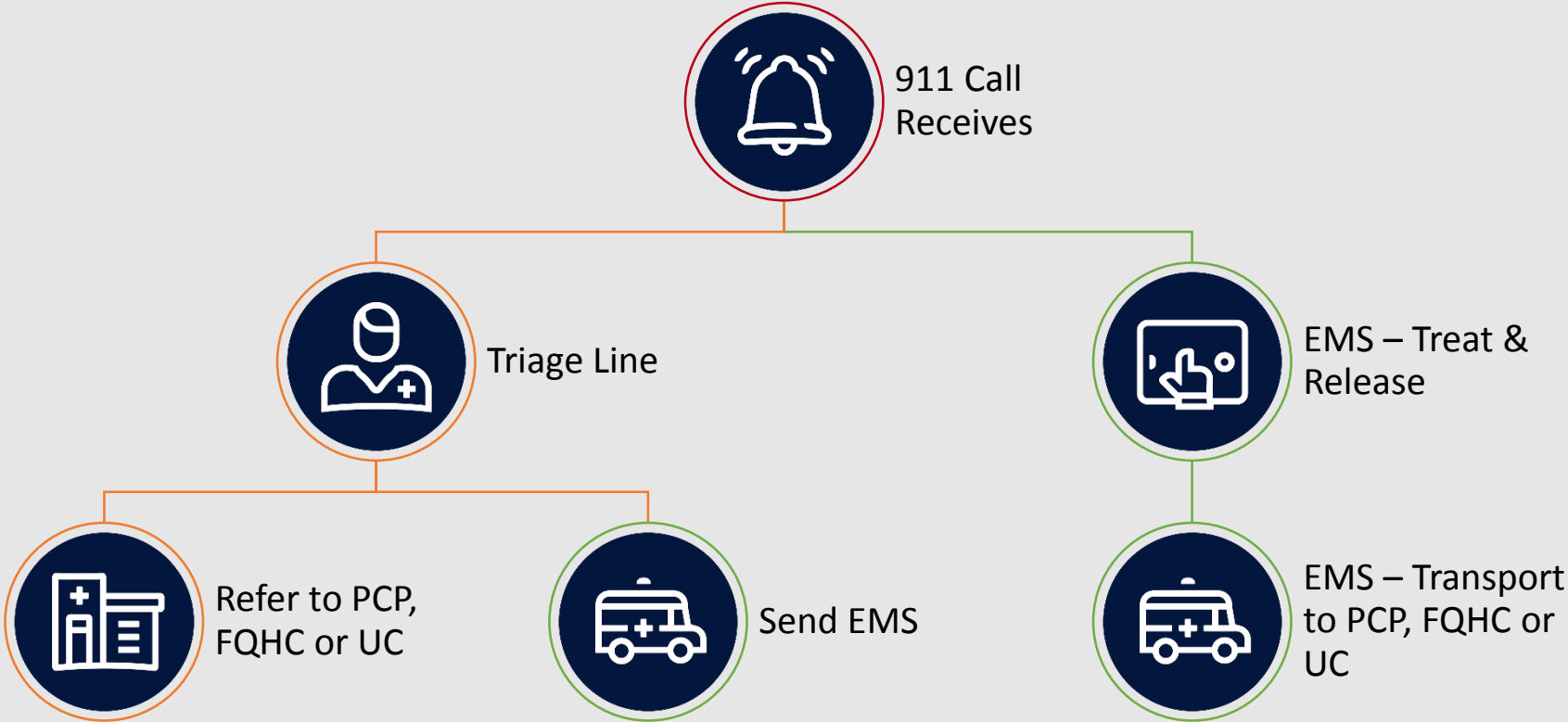
- Quality Improves, Cost Remains Neutral
- Quality Remains Neutral, Cost Reduces
- Quality Improves & Cost Reduces

Goals

- Provide Person – Centered Care
- Increase Efficiency in the EMS System
- Encourage Appropriate Utilization of Emergency Medical Services



ET3 Model Overview





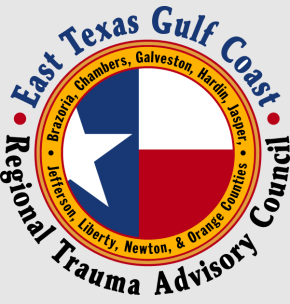
ET3 Model Overview

- Triage
 - Caller is routed by 911 Dispatch Center to Telehealth Professional
- Treat
 - EMS arrives on scene, consults Telehealth Professional (or Qualified Healthcare Professional responds to scene) for treatment guidance and does not transport patient
- Transport
 - EMS arrives on scene, consults Telehealth Professional for alternate transport (and possible treatment) guidance; transports to alternative destination such as PCP, FQHC, or UC



ET3 Model Payment Approach

- Builds off existing CMS fee-for-service structure
- EMS receives BLS base rate for non-transport
- EMS receives BLS base rate, plus mileage for transport to alternate destination when transport occurs
- Telehealth Professional would bill appropriate HCPCS code and be eligible for a premium if after hours for any involvement (all three options)



ET3 Model Timeline

Summer
2019

Request for Applications

Fall 2019

Announce Participants & Notice of Funding

Early 2020

Award Cooperative Agreements



Additional ET3 Information

- CMS Innovation Center
 - <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/et3/>
- CMS ET3 Fact Sheet
 - <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/emergency-triage-treat-and-transport-et3-model>

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