


TO: Lord Fairfax Regional EMS Agencies

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SUBJECT: Performance Improvement Requirements Fiscal Year 2019

The Virginia EMS Rules and Regulations Section 12 VAC 5-31-600 (Quality Management Reporting), requires that each licensed EMS agency participate in ongoing performance improvement (quality management) program. The Office of Emergency Medical Services has contracted with the Lord Fairfax EMS Council to coordinate region-wide PI projects, and to compile and report the findings of our regional EMS agencies as part of this program. The Regional Medical Direction Board requires each agency to comply with the policy or the agency's opportunity to apply for Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) grants will not be e-signed until the agency is compliant. The Performance Improvement (PI) and Trauma Performance Improvement (TPI) plans along with the data collection templates are available on the Council's website at <http://lfems.vaems.org>. The Council works on a fiscal year basis, which runs from July 1st until June 30th every year. Active EMS agencies roster shall be submitted semi-annually with the PI | TPI data for first quarter and fourth quarter, upon request by your Medical Direction Board. The following is the schedule of topics for our regional Performance Improvement Program:

First Quarter FY 2019—Due October 31, 2018

- **Trauma** – Pediatric trauma (eight years old and younger)
- **Medical** – Combative Patient
- **System** – Patient Refusals

Second Quarter FY 2019 —Due January 31, 2019

- **Trauma** – Spinal Immobilization
- **Medical** – STEMI Patients
- **System** – Multiple Patients

Third Quarter FY 2019—Due April 30, 2019

- **Trauma** – Burns
- **Medical** – Pulmonary Edema/COPD
- **System** – Dispatch to Response Time (911 calls)

Fourth Quarter FY 2019—Due July 31, 2019

- **Trauma** – IV Resuscitation
- **Medical** – Stroke
- **System** – Drug Administration

By reviewing these Performance Improvement indicators and reporting results to the Lord Fairfax EMS Council, you are complying with the requirements of 12 VAC 5-31-600. This information will be compiled and presented to the Medical Direction Board on a quarterly basis, and any agency that is non-compliant will be reported as appropriate. The PI | TPI committee will be developing new data collection measures for FY '20.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Council Office at (540) 665-0014.