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Bureau of EMS and Preparedness
Air Ambulance Committee
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Air Ambulance Committee Recommendations, 2018

Statutory Requirement

SB95, *Air Ambulance Amendments* (Sen. W. Harper) from the 2017 General Session requires the following:

26-8a-107. Air Ambulance Committee -- Membership -- Duties.

(9) The Air Ambulance Committee shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee before November 30, 2018, regarding the sunset of this section in accordance with Section [631-2-226](#).

The Air Ambulance Committee recommends continuing with its work in regards to its creation and function. The Air Ambulance Committee serves a vital role in developing and continuing to develop rules, standards, and coordination for the air ambulance services system in Utah.

The Air Ambulance Committee developed new administrative rules based on national model rules. The rule is out for public comment, and it appears that it will be made effective this December.

The Committee feels there is more work to be done to define air ambulance quality and accreditation, including evaluation of possible accreditation bodies.

The Committee would also like to revise the state Air Ambulance Activation Guidelines.

For these reasons, and for evaluation and recommendations on future Utah Air Ambulance issues, we recommend that the State Air Ambulance Committee be continued indefinitely.

The Air Ambulance Committee contributes to Utah air ambulance quality and effective patient care. The Committee will submit annual updates to the Legislature regarding work performed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Eric R Swanson".

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