

Government & Legislative Affairs Committee (GLAC)



Kevin Collopy, IAFCCP President

Chris Hall, GLAC Chair

Joel Atwell, GLAC

Keith Carter, GLAC

Will Dunn, GLAC

Chad McIntyre, GLAC

IAFCCP 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES & POLICY POSITIONS

To advance the Flight and Critical Care Paramedic professions, and the Air Medical industry as a whole, the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics places priority on the following agenda:

- Encourage legislators and state leaders to engage the medical transport community through the following venues:
 - Urge members of respective legislative bodies, regardless of country of origin, to educate themselves on issues and legislative items affecting the Air Medical community
 - Engage with local state medical transport resources to identify how local resources meet the medical needs of their constituents.
 - Employ the resources of the IAFCCP to coordinate efforts impacting medical transport.
- As a core function of our organization, IAFCCP supports efforts by industry associations that promote evidence-based research to enhance all aspects of medical transport.
 - We support the promotion of critical care paramedic education and certification, with the goal of a national critical care paramedic standard.
 - The IAFCCP embraces collaboration with industry associations to establish training and professional standards for critical care transport.
- Support the principles of ensuring adherence to excellence in safe operations, clinical standards, fiscally responsible business practices, and transparency in governmental processes that impact the patient transport community.
- Support evidenced-based practices that improve EMS effectiveness through enhanced oversight, administrative leadership, interagency operability, and scope of practice.
- Promote public trust and education through the use of evidence-based data or established best-practices that prevent unnecessary, costly, or burdensome regulation without clear benefit to patients transported.

Towards these ends, the IAFCCP commits to the following:

- Support legislation which improves safety within the medical transport environment, with implementation that promotes stakeholder input, towards a goal of clarity & transparency of regulatory policies and financial & practical feasibility for those affected by proposed regulations or policies.
- Support legislation that preserves the role of the USDOT and FAA in providing uniform aviation and economic regulation of air medical services, as Part 135 air carriers.
- Support legislation which sustains access to emergency medical transportation by updating the Medicare air ambulance fee schedule to rates that reflect the costs of providing the service.
- Support state legislation that updates state Medicaid reimbursement fee schedules to rates that reflect the costs of providing the services.
- Support legislation that recognizes the authority of the states to regulate healthcare aspects of medical transportation.