

Crisis Standards of Care

EMS Work Group - Charter

PURPOSE: Provide guidance in defining the roles and responsibilities of pre-hospital care, an essential component of the continuum of emergency health care, in the provision of timely medical response to the community during extreme emergency disaster situations by developing crisis standards of care (CSC) for the state of Arizona

GOALS: Maintain a coordinated and integrated emergency response system congruent with the state CSC plan and the guidance of the SDMAC (Statewide disaster Management Advisory Committee).

Develop plan to address shortages of limited staff, supplies and equipment, a limited supply of fuel and medications, limited mutual aid and disruption of coordination and communication systems.

Explore process for changes in scope of practice, functioning in extraordinary settings, providing care for longer periods of time and methods for just-in-time training.

Ensure proposed practices are consistent across jurisdictions.

Review EMS authority currently mandated by Arizona statutes.

Conduct an EMS Incident Response and Readiness Assessment (EIRRA) and perform a gap analysis.

Determine the current status and capacity of Arizona's dispatch centers.

Address needs of urban, suburban and rural locations in planning.

METHODOLOGY: Assemble the 2013-14 Crisis Standards of Care (CSC) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Work Group: A short term advisory group who serves as subject matter experts and represent a diverse world view, geographic locations, professions and experience representing key community sectors such as dispatch centers, ambulance/transportation agencies, state, county and city public safety, hospitals and specialty care centers (burn, trauma).