Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model

Request for Applications (RFA) Webinar

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Agenda

- ET3 Model Framework and Goals
- Walk through of the Request for Applications (RFA), highlighting:
  - Participant Eligibility
  - Requirements for Alternative Destination sites and Treatment in Place practitioners
  - Model Payment Structure
- Application Process and Timelines
- Open Q&A
Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model
Current State

Ambulance dispatched regardless of acuity, with transport to ED even if lower-acuity alternatives could safely meet an individual’s needs.
Re-aligning Incentives for Future State

New options help individuals get the care they need and enables ambulances to work more efficiently.

1. **911 call received**
2. **Health care professional discusses health concern(s) with the individual**
3. **Ambulance service initiated**
4. **Ambulance arrives, but does not transport the individual**
5. **Ambulance transports the individual to receive additional care**
6. **Ambulance care team, including a qualified health care practitioner either on site or via telehealth, provides treatment in place**
7. **Ambulance transports the individual to another care facility (e.g., urgent care)**
8. **Ambulance transports the individual to a covered destination (e.g., ED)**

Blue Boxes = Model Services
Eligibility and Requirements

Request for Applications (RFA) pg. 6-8
ET3 Model Participants and Awardees

Together, ambulance suppliers and providers will focus on direct services, while local governments, its designees, or other entities that operate or have authority over one or more 911 dispatches that receive cooperative agreements will create a supportive structure to ensure successful and sustainable delivery of those services.

**THIS RFA**

**Medicare-Enrolled Ambulance Suppliers & Providers**

will support EMS innovation by transporting Medicare FFS beneficiaries to 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).

**Notice of Funding Opportunity – Later 2019**

**Local Governments,**

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.
Model Payment Structure

Request for Applications (RFA) pg. 10-13
ET3 Model Payment Approach

New available payments under the model will build off of Medicare’s existing fee-for-service structure.

- Ambulance transport to alternative destinations
- Treatment in place via a qualified health care practitioner
- Performance-based payment adjustment for achievement on key quality measures
Application Process

*(RFA pg. 20-33)*
Timeline

May 2019  |  Request for Applications (RFA) released

Summer 2019  |  RFA Application Portal Opens

Fall 2019  |  Announce participants

Winter 2019  |  Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) release

Early 2020  |  ET3 Model Go-Live
Preparation

- Identify interest and ambulance supplier and provider priorities
- Seek opportunities for partnership
- Look out for resources on ET3 website
Questions?
Summary
Resources and Contact Info

- ET3 Model website: [https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/et3](https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/et3)

- Request for Applications (PDF): [https://innovation.cms.gov/Files/x/et3-rfa-preview.pdf](https://innovation.cms.gov/Files/x/et3-rfa-preview.pdf) - Please note that this is the PDF form of the RFA only. The online portal where ambulance providers and/or suppliers will be able to apply to participate in the ET3 Model will become available later this summer (2019).


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