NEMTAC 2004-202x - Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Broker Accreditation Standard

Standard Overview

Status Summary

- Draft Status: Initiated - ANSI PINS Filed: No

- Assigned Committee: Compliance & Regulator Advisory Committee (CRAC)

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Standard Description

NEMTAC 2004-202x — Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Broker Accreditation Standard will establish a national framework for accrediting NEMT brokers, ensuring they meet consistent operational, ethical, and service quality benchmarks. This standard aims to promote transparency, accountability, and excellence in broker-managed transportation networks.

The accreditation criteria will encompass areas such as provider credentialing processes, complaint resolution mechanisms, trip assignment protocols, fraud prevention strategies, and timely reimbursement procedures. Additionally, the standard will define quality-of-service benchmarks and digital technology expectations, including interoperability, driver verification, and real-time data exchange, to ensure consistency and transparency across broker-administered transportation networks.

While this standard is not intended to replace existing state-specific requirements, it offers a unified framework for operating a compliant, efficient, and equitable NEMT brokerage that supports both regulatory goals and access to care.

Key Topics Addressed

- Broker responsibilities for credentialing, trip assignment, and reimbursement
- Minimum service quality expectations and KPIs
- Technology system requirements and data interoperability
- Fraud, waste, and abuse mitigation strategies
- Complaint resolution and corrective action protocols

Stakeholder Impact Matrix

Stakeholder Group	Relevance to this Standard
NEMT Providers	Establishes expectations for fair contract
	practices, timely payment, and transparent
	trip assignment
Brokers	Defines operational standards, service quality
	expectations, and compliance obligations
Health Plans	Promotes consistent oversight, reporting, and
	accountability from contracted NEMT brokers
Regulators	Provides a baseline for evaluating broker
	operations and contract compliance
Healthcare Facilities	Ensures patients experience consistent and
	timely transportation arranged by brokers

Technology Vendors	Clarifies requirements for platform
	interoperability, API use, and credential
	management
Call Center / Dispatch	Establishes expectations for communication,
	escalation, and trip assignment standards
Training Organizations	Helps inform curriculum on broker
	operations, complaint handling, and fraud
	prevention
Vehicle Manufacturers / Equipment Providers	Indirectly affected through equipment
	standards enforced by broker networks
Emergency Services Partners	Clarifies coordination expectations for
	escalated or misrouted NEMT cases
Caregivers & Social Workers	Improves predictability of transport access
	for high-needs individuals
Passengers / Advocates	Supports transparency and complaint
	pathways for ride quality, timeliness, and
	fairness

Call to Action

NEMTAC invites public participation in shaping this standard. Stakeholders are encouraged to:

- Review and comment during the public comment period (to be announced)
- Apply to serve on a NEMTAC Advisory Committee
- Engage directly with the national conversation at Transform 2025 in Dallas

✓ Join a NEMTAC Advisory Committee: <u>Committee Application</u>
✓ Register for Transform 2025: <u>Register</u>

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