



STATE OF ALABAMA  
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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WILLIAM E. CRAWFORD, M.D. • STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

March 22, 2017

Dear

The enactment of Act No. 07-299, establishing a statewide trauma system in March 2007, offers us the unique opportunity to positively impact the lives of the citizens of Alabama. To ensure the system is functioning to reach the intended outcome of saving lives and reducing mortality, we have implemented a strict Quality Assurance (QA) process.

Per contractual agreement, the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) shall assist the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) as requested to collect information and formulate responses to local EMS Providers related to OEMS concerns and issues. The RAC will also provide services, as needed, to all regional QA committees that function in the manner outlined in the Alabama Trauma System (ATS) QA Plan. This includes receiving Quality Control reports and QA issues from the Alabama Trauma Communications Center (ATCC) and OEMS. In addition, the RAC is required to provide educational follow-up as needed for each QA case.

In order to fulfill QA function as listed above, the RAC may request a copy of the Patient Care Report (PCR) from the EMS Provider. OEMS approves the release of specific PCRs to the RAC related to ATS QA issues only.

Thank you for your commitment to the continued development of the ATS in Alabama.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Crawford, M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

William Crawford, M.D.  
State EMS Medical Director

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