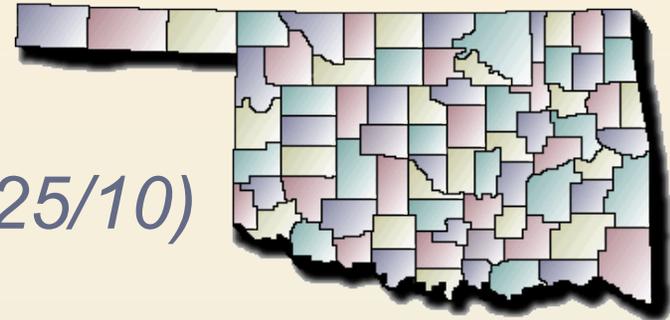


HB 1888

Ambulance Service Districts Act

(effective 05/25/10)



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Overall Goals

- Provide information/resources/support as need to County Commissioners for development of the EMS services plan.
- Develop questionnaire tool for County Commissioners to utilize in developing EMS services plan.
- Ensure a forum for discussion between County Commissioners and OERSDAC, and availability of Emergency Systems Staff.



Today's Discussion Goals

- Discuss/approval plan to facilitate County Commissioner's compliance with HB 1888;
- Identify tools to provide to County Commissioner's in preparation for Regional Meetings following RTAB meetings;
- Appoint OERSDAC Subcommittee to review County plans, on a monthly basis;
- Schedule special OERSDAC meetings to ensure adequate time for plan review.

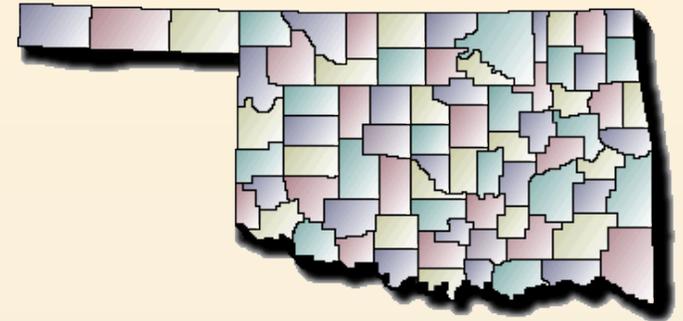


Ambulance Service Districts

“Public ambulance service districts may be organized under the Ambulance Services Districts Act for the purpose of developing and providing adequate ambulance services to meet the needs of residents within the territory of the district.”



Timeline



By April 1, 2011, each county of this state with a population of five hundred thousand (500,000) people or less according to the last Federal Decennial Census shall present to the State Department of Health an emergency medical services plan.

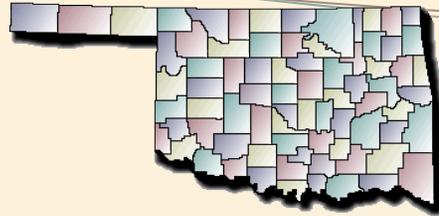


Components of the emergency medical services plan

“The plan shall:

1. Address funding issues;
2. Ensure countywide emergency medical services coverage; and
3. Address county boundaries to ensure 9-1-1 operators are available to provide quick response.”





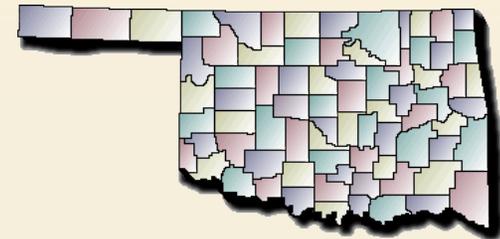
Responsibilities of OERSDAC

Develop county plan with each county emergency services board which shall be comprised of the county commissioners for each county or their designee.



County Commissioner/Designee Responsibilities

By April 1, 2011:



- Develop a county plan with OERSDAC
- Present to OSDH an emergency medical services plan.



Discussion: Process and Next Steps

8/23-31/10 Send out notices to County Commissioners with HB 1888 requirements;

Oct-Nov 10 Schedule meetings with County Commissioners following RTAB meetings;

Oct-Mar 11 Emergency Services Plans submitted to OSDH and reviewed by OERSDAC Subcommittee.



Questions?



Duty to Act

There is a required duty to act
within the licensed area

upon the acceptance of an ambulance service license. All licensed ambulance services shall respond appropriately, consistent with the level of licensure, when called for emergency service regardless of the patient's ability to pay.



Duty to Act (cont'd)

If the ambulance service cannot physically respond within the limits

of the Ambulance Services Districts Act, then the ambulance service called shall immediately call for mutual aid from a neighboring licensed ambulance service.

Nonemergency, interfacility transfers are exempt from the requirements of this subsection.



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