

WAC 246-976-970 Local emergency medical services and trauma care councils. (1) Local council composition. If a county or group of counties creates a local EMS/TC council, it must be composed of a balance of representatives of hospital and EMS providers, local elected officials, consumers, local law enforcement officials, local government agencies, physicians, and prevention specialists involved in the delivery of EMS/TC.

(2) Local council responsibilities. In addition to meeting the requirements of chapter 70.168 RCW and this chapter, local EMS/TC councils:

(a) Must make recommendations to the regional council regarding appointing members representing the local council to the regional EMS/TC council;

(b) Must develop county operating procedures as defined in WAC 246-976-010 in collaboration with the county medical program director;

(c) Must participate in regional council meeting and activities;

(d) Must make recommendations to the regional council about the development of regional patient care procedures;

(e) Review applications for EMS training programs and make recommendations to the department;

(f) Conduct activities to assess, support, and improve EMS training programs within the county;

(g) Identify prehospital training and education to meet local needs and make recommendations to the regional council for regional planning;

(h) Review applications for EMS service verification at the request of regional EMS councils. The review must include:

(i) Compliance with the department-approved minimum and maximum number of trauma verified services for the level of verification being sought by the applicant;

(ii) How the proposed service will impact care in the region in relation to clinical care, response time to prehospital incidents, and resource availability;

(iii) How the proposed service impacts unserved or underserved trauma response areas;

(iv) How the proposed service will impact existing verified services in the region; and

(v) Seek and include any comments from local systems established by ordinance, resolution, interlocal agreement or contract by counties, cities, or other governmental bodies;

(i) Provide recommendation to the regional EMS/TC council in accordance with RCW 70.168.080, for remediation activities to support a prehospital provider that is out of compliance with regional plan;

(j) Identify how the roles and responsibilities of the MPD are coordinated with those of the local council.

(3) Local EMS/TC councils may make recommendations to the department regarding certification and termination of MPDs, as provided in RCW 18.71.205(4).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71.205, 18.73.081, 43.70.040, 70.168.050, 2017 c 70, 2017 c 295, 2020 c 76, 2021 c 276, 2019 c 314, 2021 c 69, and 2022 c 136. WSR 24-15-104, § 246-976-970, filed 7/22/24, effective 9/30/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.73.081 and 70.168.120. WSR 02-14-053, § 246-976-970, filed 6/27/02, effective 7/28/02. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.71, 18.73, and 70.168 RCW. WSR 00-08-102, § 246-976-970, filed 4/5/00, effective 5/6/00. Statutory Authority: RCW

43.70.040 and chapters 18.71, 18.73 and 70.168 RCW. WSR 93-01-148 (Order 323), § 246-976-970, filed 12/23/92, effective 1/23/93.]