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## **Press Release**

### **No Solution for Lifeline Ambulance Yet**

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Six weeks ago, we responded to CMS's instruction to re-enroll and become a Medicare provider all over again after 21 years. In the event this takes longer than necessary, I have planned with our longtime colleague Sentara Medical Transport to assume the day-to-day calls that are insurance-related, since we are now approaching 5 months without a solution.

We will continue to provide our contracted and other work until such time that we can resume normal business. This situation is beyond our control and has far-reaching effects beyond just Medicare, which must adjudicate claims before anything else can be considered. Our hands are tied.

Russ Blow with Medical Transport knows many of you and has extended this assistance in a mutual aid capacity. We will be assisting them on another battlefield where I am taking the lead in an administrative matter for the industry. As soon as one of these matters is resolved, we will resume normal operations.

We have enjoyed the Sentara MTI relationship over the years, both day-to-day and legislatively, to promote the cause for more than a decade. Russ started out just like me as a Paramedic and was offered an opportunity he could not refuse to accommodate growth. Russ and MTI share the same values as us, which is the reason I can bring this to the table so quickly.

I will keep your supervisor briefed as things unfold. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.