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# 2018 EMS EVOLUTION

June 18-20, 2018

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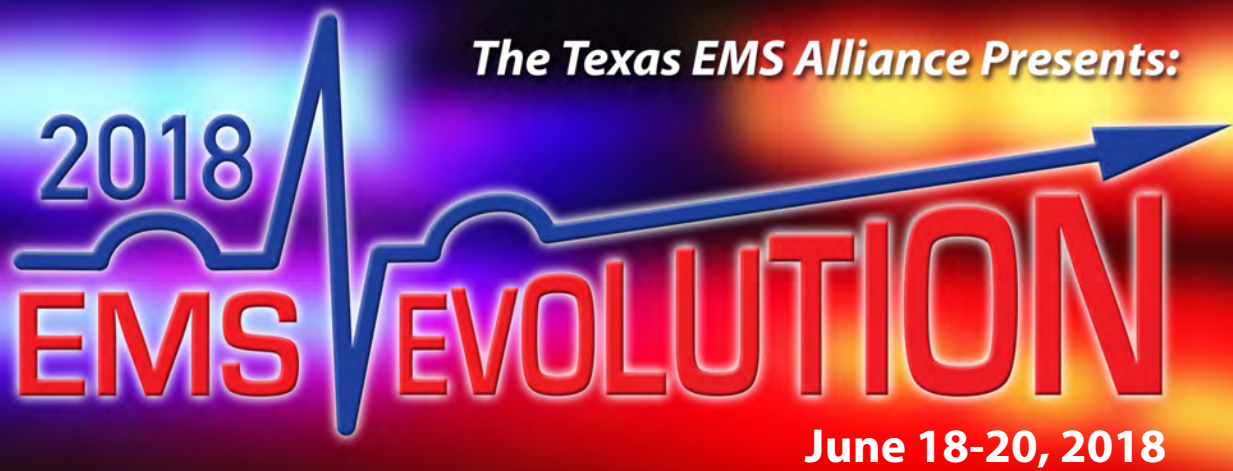
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## The Texas EMS Alliance Presents: EMS EVOLUTION 2018

Now in its fourth year, the Texas EMS Alliance's annual conference – EMS EVOLUTION 2018 – has turned into one of the largest EMS conferences in the Southwest for leaders from EMS agencies.

**New agenda for 2018:** We listened to your feedback, and 2018 will feature a completely new agenda for the three-day leadership track that focuses on interactive panels to provide helpful solutions to the clinical, business, operations, and legal issues that you face on a daily basis.

Once again, we'll have a one-day billing/coding course featuring Gail Atnip of Novitas and billing/coding expert Brian Werfel. The one-day course is free with your general session registration. A separate registration fee is available for attendees who are only attending the billing/coding course on Tuesday.

**Social activities:** Attendees are invited to attend Monday night's welcome reception. All attendees and their guests are invited to attend the resort dinner on Tuesday night. Your guests' admission to the Tuesday night dinner is included with your general admission registration.

Tuesday's schedule will conclude in the mid-afternoon to give everyone an opportunity to enjoy the resort.

**Additional details are coming soon:** Book your hotel and register for the conference today. Once you're registered, you'll receive periodic e-mail updates.

Additional updates to the agenda will be announced soon.

## Conference Overview

### Leadership Track

June 18-20

The three-day Leadership Track is designed for EMS agency leaders. We listened to your feedback, and this year's event will focus on interactive panel discussions that will cover the latest clinical, operations, business, and public policy issues that affect Texas EMS agencies.

### Billing/Coding Track

Tuesday, June 19 *(separate registration fee)*

The one-day course will focus on billing, coding, and compliance issues for EMS agencies. Brian Werfel of Werfel & Werfel, PLLC and Gail Atnip of Novitas will serve as the course presenters.

The course features a separate registration fee for individuals who are only participating in the one-day course. Individuals who registered for the three-day Leadership Track are welcome to sit in on the Billing/Coding Track at no extra cost.

### Continuing Education

Thank you to Harris County Emergency Corps for once again sponsoring the continuing education credits.

DSHS-certified individuals attending the three-day leadership track will be eligible for CAPCE approved hours.

Individuals attending the billing/coding track who are Certified Ambulance Coders, Certified Privacy Officers, or Certified Compliance Officers through the NAAC will be eligible for CE credit hours with NAAC.

TEMSA will offer 8 hours of AOR CE to attendees for AOR-approved topics.

### Networking and Family Fun

EMS EVOLUTION 2018 will take advantage of the casual resort atmosphere and offer several networking events for attendees. Attendees are invited to Monday night's welcome reception. In addition, attendees and their families are invited to Tuesday night's resort dinner. Dinner for your family is included with your Leadership Track registration.

The La Torretta Lake Resort is a great venue for attendees and their families. Dozens of EMS EVOLUTION attendees took advantage of TEMSA's special rate and stayed at the hotel on the weekend prior to the 2017 conference. Book your hotel room today to take advantage of TEMSA's special rate.

### **We Listened!**

Thanks to your feedback, the 2018 agenda features panels that will help your EMS operation.

## Monday, June 18, 2018 – New Agenda Items & Speakers TBA Soon

Time	Event	Speakers
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Mass Casualty AAR: The Dallas Experience	Tami Kayea (Dallas Fire-Rescue)
10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	EMS Director Panel: Ideas for Your Daily Operations	Panelists TBA
10:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors	
11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	EMTF: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Harvey	Speaker TBA
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Keynote	Ed Racht, MD
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Panel: Pharmacy for EMS	Jeff Mincy (Coryell Memorial EMS) - Moderator; Chad Carr (MedStar Mobile Healthcare) & Cameron Decker, MD
1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Lightning Rounds	Topics & Speakers TBA
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors	
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Ask Joe: Answers to Your Regulatory Questions & REPLICA	Joe Schmider (Texas DSHS)
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Panel: State & Federal Policy Challenges for EMS	Panelists TBA
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception	

## Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Time	Event	Speakers
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Medical Director Panel	Dudley Wait (City of Schertz EMS); Cameron Decker, MD; Emily Kidd, MD & Taylor Ratcliff, MD
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Panel: How Can the EMS Director & Medical Director Work Together?	Ernesto Rodriguez (Austin-Travis County EMS) & Panelists TBA
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors	
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	What Was the Hardest Lesson that I Learned This Year?	Interactive Session for Attendees
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Networking Lunch	
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	PTSD & EMS Professionals	Brenda McBride (ETMC)
1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors	
1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Trauma Releasing Exercise Training for Your EMS Professionals	Brenda McBride (ETMC)
3:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Enjoy the Resort	
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Resort Dinner for Attendees and Families	

## Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Time	Event	Speakers
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Developing & Implementing an FTO Program: Where Do You Start?	Jeff Morris (City of Euless Fire)
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	EMS Agenda 2050	Ernesto Rodriguez (Austin-Travis County EMS)
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors	
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	The Lack of Support for an EMS Leader: A 24/7 CEO	Speaker TBA
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	State of the Alliance	Jonathan Sell (Booker EMS)

LEADERSHIP TRACK



## About TEMSA

The Texas EMS Alliance was founded in 2013 by leaders of the Texas EMS industry to serve as an informed and collaborative voice for the future of emergency medical services in Texas. TEMSA accomplishes this mission through a diverse organizational structure that calls for direct representation from the many agency types that make up the state's EMS system.

## Contact TEMSA:

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## Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – Separate Registration Fee

BILLING/CODING TRACK

Time	Event	Speakers
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Novitas: Compliance, OIG/CERT Audits, Medicare Enrollment & Other Updates	Gail Atnip (Novitas)
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors	
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Novitas, Part 2	Gail Atnip (Novitas)
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Networking Lunch	
12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Medicare Update for Billers and Coders	Brian Werfel, JD (Werfel & Werfel, PLLC)

**Some of the topics include:** National and statement payment data from CMS, including the impact of the prior authorization demonstration on Medicare’s dialysis services. | Status of current temporary adjustments to the ambulance fee schedule and permanent relief for the industry. | New safe harbors for cost-sharing waivers and free local transportation. | CMS’s ongoing compliance enforcement efforts. | Federal government steps to alleviate the current backlog of ALJ appeals. | Much more

## TEMSA’s Special Hotel Rate

Don’t delay: book your hotel room today. TEMSA has secured a special rate of \$134 (plus a \$5.00 daily resort fee). Reservations are subject to availability and must be made before June 1, 2018.

Reserve your room by calling the hotel directly at **936-448-3024** (reference the “Texas EMS” room block).

An online reservation link can be found at [www.txemsa.com](http://www.txemsa.com).

### Tuesday Night Dinner

Admission is free for your family members with your Leadership Track registration. Simply indicate how many family members will attend with you on your online registration.

### TEMSA Membership

Your EMS agency must pay its 2018 TEMSA membership dues by May 18, 2018 in order to access the member registration discounts.

### Discount for Three or More Attendees

A 10 percent registration discount will apply to EMS agencies that register for three or more individuals for the Leadership Track.

### Online Registration

Visit [www.txemsa.com](http://www.txemsa.com) for online registration.

## Register Today to Stay Informed

Register today to receive updates on additions to the schedule and other important information. Online registration is available by visiting the **EMS EVOLUTION 2018** page found on TEMSA’S home page ([www.txemsa.com](http://www.txemsa.com)).

## Registration Fees:

### Early Bird Special (May 15, 2018 Deadline)

**Leadership Track** (Three Days) - **\$325**  
Non-members - **\$475**

**Billing/Coding** (Tuesday Only) - **\$200**  
Non-members - **\$275**

### Regular Rate (After May 15, 2018)

**Leadership Track** (Three Days) - **\$375**  
Non-members - **\$525**

**Billing/Coding** (Tuesday Only) - **\$225**  
Non-members - **\$300**

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