



San Antonio Fire Department

# Approval of the 2017 STRAC Hospice Contract

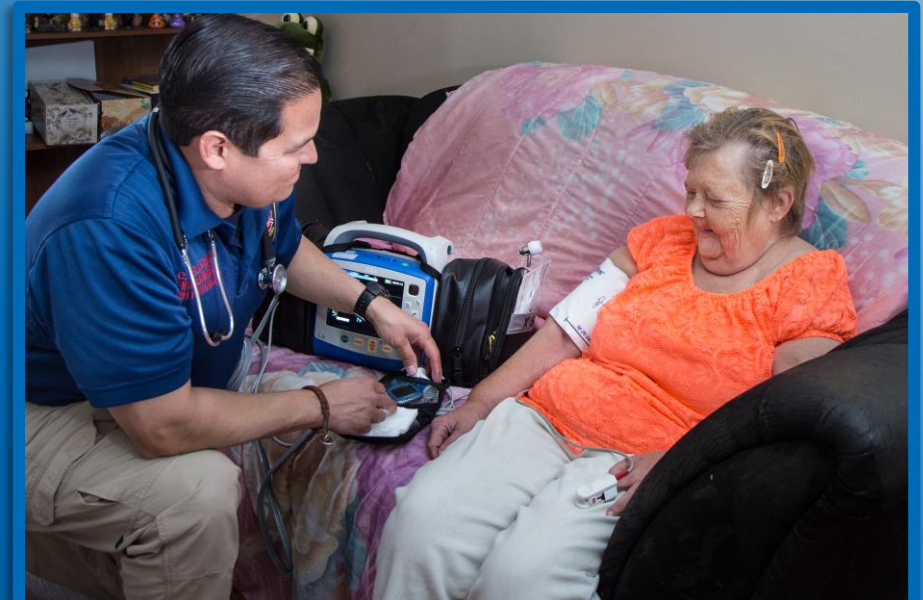
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# Background

- Traditional Paramedic response is targeted at preventing death
- Through patient advocacy, MIH paramedics have become accustomed to addressing the citizens non-emergency needs
- Hospice program focuses on providing care to patients in their home that will be in the process of dying
- MIH program shifts the paradigm of EMS from providing emergency therapy while transporting to the ER to allowing the patient to die with dignity in their home





# Goals of the Program

- Increase the patients quality of life by providing palliative care
- Reduce the severity of symptoms by providing interventions that are traditionally only available at the Emergency Room
- Provide palliative care as an integral member of the patients healthcare team under the direct guidance of the Medical Director, Hospice agency and the Primary Care Physician
- Assist with patient navigation and help avoid Hospice Revocation

# Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC)



- Working within current practice at the STRAC MIH Consortium to provide care with a regional approach for Hospice patients
- STRAC MIH Consortium Hospice Program will provide reach for the following jurisdictions:
  - San Antonio
  - Schertz
  - Canyon Lake

# Funding



- Embrace Hospice has agreed to pay a fee per patient per month for enrolled patients within the region up to \$200,000 annually.
- STRAC currently serves as the coordinating entity for contract management, accounting, reimbursement and patient/provider identification
- This project includes a monthly fee schedule, paid by Embrace Hospice to care providers in several different jurisdictions through a coordinated regional approach.



# Recommendations

- Staff recommends approval of the hospice program to provide compassionate palliative care for terminally ill citizens in their home and help them through their dying process

# Questions?

