

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANSPORTABLE PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR PATIENT PREFERENCE (TPOPP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) has the duty to develop a state plan for the delivery of emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, KBEMS certifies attendants for the delivery of emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, attendants certified within this state are allowed to perform interventions when authorized by medical protocol or upon physician order; and

**WHEREAS**, Transportable Physician Orders for Patient Preference (TPOPP) will allow a patient to relate the type of care he/she desires in the case of an acute health decline and there is a possibility that he/she has less than a year to live; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of TPOPP is a completely voluntary process for a patient; and

**WHEREAS**, TPOPP utilizes a form unique to the TPOPP initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPOPP form has areas for information about a patient's health care provider assisting with the form, the presence of an advanced directive and durable power of attorney for healthcare decisions, wishes for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the level of medical intervention wanted given the patient's current health status, and if the patient would want to have nutrition medically administered if unable to take food by mouth; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPOPP form requires the signature of a licensed physician to become a medical order; and

**WHEREAS**, the physician's signature acknowledges that there was a conversation that included the patient or a recognized decision maker, if the patient is unable, about the treatment options that have been checked; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services would like to honor a patient's preferences for care and end of life decisions.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services supports the Transportable Physician Orders for Patient Preference (TPOPP) initiative as a method to better understand and meet patient preferences for better end of life decisions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services supports the incorporation of TPOPP into an ambulance service's EMS medical policies and protocols in Kansas.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2014 at the KBEMS Board Meeting in Topeka, Kansas.