

I am a licensed NEMT provider, and I absolutely agree that we need meaningful consequences for fraud. Consequences are the area I feel we are substantially lacking in addressing fraud on a regular basis.

My view is that the best course of action is a two-step process: if there is credible evidence of fraud, the state should have authority to suspend a provider's license pending investigation. If fraud is ultimately proven through conviction, that license should be revoked. That approach protects public funds and vulnerable patients while also respecting due process.

I would be happy to speak to the importance of real oversight, real enforcement, and the need for practical accountability tools in NEMT.

I also continue to believe there is value in higher standard provider certification measures for high-risk activities, such as transporting patients to methadone treatment or other regularly occurring mental health and addiction treatment appointments. I believe this would go a long way to help eliminate kickbacks.