

## 2022 Current Fiscal Year Report: Air Ambulance and Patient Billing Advisory Committee

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| <b>1. Department or Agency</b>                       | <b>2. Fiscal Year</b>        |
| Department of Transportation                         | 2022                         |
| <b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>                  | <b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b> |
| Air Ambulance and Patient Billing Advisory Committee | 84577                        |

|                                    |                           |                                 |                              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>5. Current Charter</b> | <b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b> | <b>7. Expected Term Date</b> |
| No                                 | 09/12/2021                | 09/12/2023                      | 03/18/2022                   |

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|---|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b> | <b>8c. Actual Term Date</b> |
| Yes   | Pub. L. No. 115-254                       | 03/18/2022                  |

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|--|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b> | <b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b> | <b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b> |
| Terminate  | Not Applicable                            | Not Applicable                   |

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

|   |                           |                           |                           |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b> | <b>13. Effective Date</b> | <b>14. Committee Type</b> | <b>14c. Presidential?</b> |
| Pub. L. No. 115-254                         | 10/05/2018                | Continuing                | No                        |

**15. Description of Committee** National Policy Issue Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

**Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

**Current Next  
FY FY**

|   |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|
| <b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>                  | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>                      | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>                        | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>               | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>             | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>                 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>                   | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>          | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b> | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18d. Total</b>   | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>                          | 0.00   | 0.00   |

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The AAPB Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretary of Transportation on issues relating to air ambulance services and patient billing by reviewing options to improve the disclosure of charges and fees for air medical services, better inform consumers of insurance options for such services, and protect consumers from balance billing. It shall also make recommendations with respect to disclosure of charges and fees for air ambulance services and insurance coverage, consumer protection and enforcement authorities of both the Department of Transportation and State authorities, and the prevention of balance billing to consumers.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Membership is balanced to include all the groups specified in the committee's establishment authority.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Advisory Committee met three times: Once on January 15-16, 2020, once on May 27-28 2021, and once on August 11 2021. The first meeting provided the opportunity for the Committee to gather information on air ambulance and patient billing issues. The second two meetings produced recommendations.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The AAPB is a statutorily required committee that brings together a balanced membership including the public and government.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A

**21. Remarks**

The first meeting took place on January 15-16, 2020. A second meeting took place on May 27-28, 2021, and produced 18 recommendations. A third meeting took place on August 11, 2021, and produced four recommendations. The Committee issued its report on March 18, 2022. Pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the charter, the AAPB Advisory Committee will terminate upon the issuance of the report required by section 418(e) of the FAA Reauthorization Act.

## Designated Federal Officer

Blane Workie Assistant General Counsel

| Committee Members | Start      | End        | Occupation                     | Member Designation                       |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Swafford, Lisa    | 01/14/2021 | 01/14/2022 | Associate General Counsel, DOT | Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member |

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 1**

## Narrative Description

The first meeting took place on January 15-16, 2020. A second meeting took place on May 27-28, 2021, and produced 18 recommendations. A third meeting took place on August 11, 2021, and produced four recommendations. The report contains 22 recommendations directed to Congress, States, DOT, HHS, and private entities.

## What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

|   | Checked if Applies                  |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

## Outcome Comments

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**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

22

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

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**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The Committee's recommendations are directed to DOT, HHS, Congress, state entities, and private stakeholders. To the extent that the recommendations are directed to DOT, DOT will make public its responses to the Committee's recommendations on the AAPB Advisory Committee web site and/or on its aviation consumer protection web site, [www.transportation.gov/airconsumer](http://www.transportation.gov/airconsumer).

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Action Comments**

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**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

|                        |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



**Access Comments**