

**REGION 1
NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM ZONING PLAN**

AUTHORITY

This Zoning Plan is prepared and established by the Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council and approved by the Georgia Board of Public Health pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-11-3, and complies with the provisions of Georgia EMS Rules & Regulations Chapter 511-9-2.

This ambulance zoning plan is binding on all licensed ambulance providers operating in the State of Georgia, pursuant to EMS Rules & Regulations 511-9-2-.18(21).

PURPOSE

- I. The purpose of this plan is:
 - a. To ensure the proper distribution of emergency calls among ambulance providers for the pre-hospital emergency care system within Region 1
 - b. To establish, coordinate, and revise designated EMS territories, communication activities, and designated ambulance responders for each territory within Region 1.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- I. This Zoning Plan is established based primarily on following criteria:
 - a. **Economy**
 - b. **Efficiency**
 - c. **Benefit to the Public Welfare**
- II. This Zoning Plan will function in compliance and in conformity with Title 31, Chapter 11 of the Georgia Code and the EMS Rules & Regulations, Chapter 511-9-2.
- III. All ambulance providers licensed in Georgia as are expected to adhere to the provisions in the EMS Rules & Regulations Chapter 511-9-2, with respect to the response and transport of patients during medical emergencies.

IV. This Zoning Plan identifies the specific designated ambulance provider that will respond to “public calls” within a designated territory or zone within Region 1. The following terms are referenced in this plan and are defined below¹:

- **PUBLIC CALL:** A request for ambulance service from a member of the public to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) when dialing “9-1-1”, or a request by any law enforcement agency, fire department, rescue squad, or any other public safety agency.
- **PRIVATE CALL:** A request by a private individual for an ambulance received by an ambulance service through its private telephone number (does *not* include a request from a law enforcement agency, fire department, rescue squad or other public safety agency).
- **PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP):** The public safety agency or entity which receives incoming “9-1-1” telephone calls and dispatches appropriate public safety agencies to respond to such calls.
- **DESIGNATED ZONE:** A geographical territory granted to a specific ambulance provider by the Regional EMS Council, with approval from the Georgia Department of Public Health, for the purposes of providing emergency medical transport services following a public call.
- **DESIGNATED or ZONED AMBULANCE PROVIDER:** An agency or company providing ambulance service and operating under a valid license issued by the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma, which is granted a specific geographical territory or zone and meets the requirements to provide services in compliance with this zoning plan.
- **MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:** Written agreement between or among local EMS providers to assist with emergency calls. A zoned ambulance provider is expected to establish mutual aid agreements with other licensed ambulance providers, pursuant to EMS Rule 511-9-2-.07, in an event that the zoned provider is unable to immediately respond to an emergency. This agreement shall not be used to supplement the daily operations of either provider.

V. When a designated ambulance provider receives a call for emergency medical services - through a PSAP (or other public entity) or private call - from within its designated zone, it is the responsibility of the designated ambulance provider to respond to the emergency. If the designated ambulance provider is unable to respond, or cannot respond in time given the nature of the emergency, the designated ambulance provider must request mutual aid assistance as prescribed in EMS Rule 511-9-2-.07(6)(g) for another licensed ambulance provider to respond to the emergency call. If mutual aid assistance is not available, the designated ambulance provider is expected to respond to the emergency with its next available ambulance.

¹ All terms shall be consistent with the definitions and requirements as described in the DPH EMS Rules & Regulations Chapter 511-9-2.

REGION 1 DESIGNATED ZONE PROVIDERS:

- I. Counties with single providers are given a geographic zone contiguous with their county lines. [The counties which have a single provider are]:

County (Zone)	County Number	License Number	Designated Ambulance Provider
Bartow	008	008-02	Bartow County EMS
Chattooga	027	027-04	Chattooga County EMS serviced by Redmond Regional EMS (057-05)
Cherokee	028	028-03	Cherokee County Emergency Services
Dade	041	041-01	Puckett EMS (033-43)
Fannin	055	055-03	Fannin County Fire & EMS
Gilmer	061	061-01	Gilmer County Fire & EMS
Gordon	064	064-08	Gordon EMS
Haralson	071	071-04	Ambucare, Inc
Murray	105	105-02	Murray EMS, serviced by Adventist Health Systems Georgia, Inc. (105-03), dba Murray EMS
Paulding	110	033-41	Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service
Pickens	112	112-04	Pickens County EMS
Polk	115	115-03	Polk County Emergency Medical Services serviced by Redmond Regional EMS (057-05)
Walker	146	146-10	Walker County Emergency Services, serviced by Puckett Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (033-43)
Whitfield	155	155-07	Whitfield Emergency Medical Services serviced by Hamilton Emergency Medical Services (155-08)

II. Counties with multiple zones within the county’s boundaries and with a single designated zone provider assigned to each zone. In addition to the documentation below, attach a map (Attachment B) for each county which: a.) clearly identifies each zone within the county; and b.) clearly delineates all zone boundaries.

Not Applicable. Region ___ does not have any counties with multiple zones.

County (Zone)	County Number	Zone Number	License Number	Designated Ambulance Provider
Floyd	057	1	057-01	Floyd Emergency Medical Services
		2	057-05	Redmond Regional EMS
Catoosa	023	1	023-04	Catoosa Emergency Medical Services serviced by Angel EMS, LLC (023-05)
		2	023-05	Angel EMS, LLC

III. Counties with multiple designated zone providers assigned to the same zone. In addition to the documentation below, attach the method (Attachment C) for distributing emergency calls among the providers, as required by O.C.G.A. § 31-11-3(c). If the zone does not include the entire county, attach a map (Attachment B) for each county which: a.) clearly identifies each zone within the county; and b.) clearly delineates all zone boundaries.

Not Applicable. Region 1 does not have any counties with multiple designated providers sharing the same zone.

County (Zone)	County Number	License Number	Designated Ambulance Provider

ATTACHMENT A
COUNTY ZONE IDENTIFICATION AND ZONE BOUNDARIES

Floyd County Zones

Zone 1 - Floyd Medical Center EMS (indicated by White area on attached map)

Beginning in the northwest corner of Floyd County at the Bartow County line southwest following along the Bartow County line to the southeast corner of Floyd County, then following along the Polk County line westward to US Highway. From that point north on US Highway 27 and including all addresses and location accessible on the east and west side of US Highway 27 to the lands northwestward to Cave Springs Road (US Highway 411) at the intersection of Cunningham Road. From that point northwestward across the lands to and including the intersection of Blacks Bluff Road and Flat Rock Road. From that point northwestward across the lands to the Coosa River near the Horseleg Creek Connector and Coosa River Bridge intersection. From that point westward along the Coosa River to the Alabama State Line. From that point northwestward along the Alabama State line to the Chattooga County line following along the line northwestward to the Silver Hill Road. From, and not including, the Silver Hill Road south along Texas Valley Road to Little Texas Valley Road intersection. Traveling across the lands from that point southeastward to the intersection of Technology Parkway and Redmond Circle. From that point westward to Redmond Circle to, and including the intersection with Lavendar Drive and then southward on Lavendar Drive to and including the intersection with John Davenport Drive, then eastward to and including the intersection with Martha Berry Highway traveling east across the lands to the Oostanaula River. From that point northward along the Oostanaula River to the Gordon County line. From that point eastward along the Gordon County line to the northeast corner of Floyd County at the Bartow County line, which is the beginning of the this description.

Zone 2 - Redmond Regional Medical Center EMS (indicated by Green area on attached map)

Armuchee area: (Northwest end of county)

Beginning at, and including the intersection of Martha Berry Highway and Veterans Memorial Highway and proceeding east along the Veterans Memorial Highway (Loop 1) to the Oostanaula River Bridge. From that point north along the Oostanaula River to the Gordon County line north to the Walker County line west to the Chattooga line southeastward to Silver Hill Road. From and including the Silver Hill Road south along Texas Valley Road to the Little Texas Valley Road intersection. Traveling across the lands from that point southeastward to and including the intersection of Technology Boulevard are included. From this point proceeding westward on Redmond Circle and all points south off of this section of Redmond Circle, to the intersection of Lavender Drive then south on Lavender drive and points east off of Lavender Drive, to the intersection of John Davenport Drive, From this point proceeding east to include all access points north of John Davenport Drive to the intersection of Division Street. Then north on Division Street to include all access point West off of Division Street to where Division Street intersects with the Dry Creek bed. From this point following the Dry Creek bed to the Oostanaula River, then northward following the river to its intersection with the Veteran Memorial Highway point described in the first sentence.

Traveling across the lands northwestward to Cave Springs Road (US Highway 411), at and including the intersection of Cunningham Road, from that point northwestward across the lands to the Horseleg Creek Connector and Coosa River Bridge intersection. From that point westward along the Coosa River to the Alabama State line and continuing southward along the Alabama state line to the point of this descriptions origin.



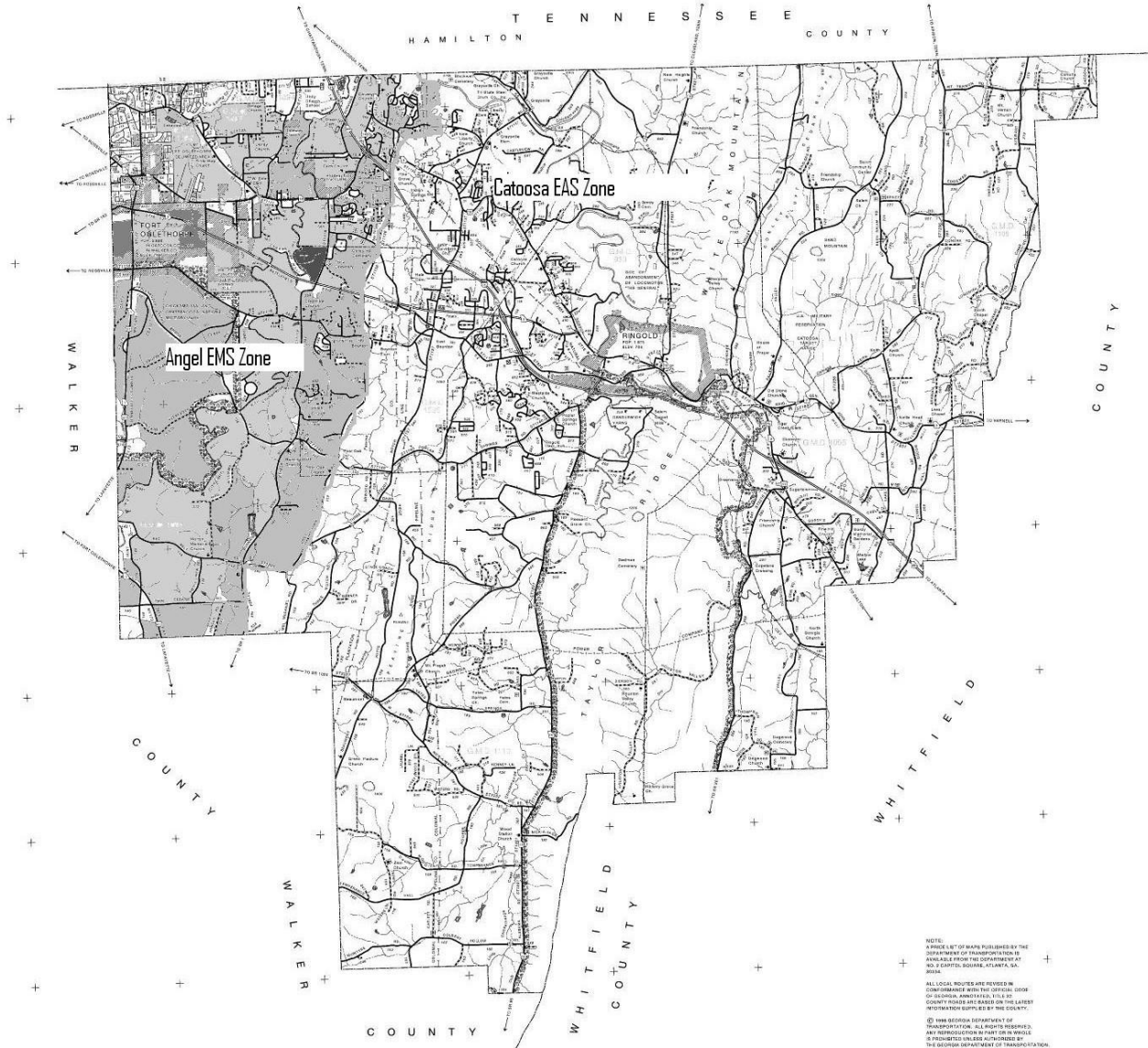
Catoosa County Zones

Zone 1 - Catoosa County EAS (Angel EMS is the current contracted provider)

Starting to the intersections of Catoosa line where it intersects with the Tennessee State Line and the Whitfield County line, proceed south down the Catoosa line border, then west along the southern Catoosa County line border to where the southern border intersects with Long Hollow Road. Proceed northward along Long Hollow Rd to the intersection of Long Hollow Road and Three Notch Road. Follow Three Notch Road eastward/North-Northeastward to the intersection of US Hwy 41. Proceed Northward to the intersection of US Hwy 41 and South Wooten Road, and from here process Northeastward to the intersection of South Wooten Road and Wooten Road. Proceed East along Wooten Road to its intersection with South Chickamauga Creek. Follow South Chickamauga Creek northward until it crosses the county and state line into Tennessee, the proceed Eastward along the Catoosa County border/Tennessee State line back to the originating point of this description.

Zone 2 - Angel EMS

Starting at the point that South Chickamauga Creek intersects with the Catoosa County and Tennessee State line proceed southward along the creek until it intersects with Wooten Road. Proceed westward along Wooten Road until it intersects with South Wooten Road, then process south/southwestward to the intersection of US. Hwy. 41. Follow US Hwy 41 south until it intersects with Three Notch Road, and proceed west-southwestward along Three Notch Road until it intersects with Long Hollow Road. Process south along Long Hollow Road until it intersects at the southern border of Catoosa County line with the Walker County line. Process west along the southern Catoosa County line until it intersects with the Western Border on the Catoosa County line. From this point continue northward along the Western Border of Catoosa County to the Tennessee State Line. Proceed eastward from the western border intersect along the Tennessee State Line/Northern Border of Catoosa County Line to where it intersects with this descriptions origination point at which the South Chickamauga Creek intersects with e county line and Tennessee State line.



ATTACHMENT B

CALL DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR MULTIPLE DESIGNATED PROVIDERS WITHIN A SINGLE ZONE

Not Applicable. Region 1 does not have any counties with multiple designated providers sharing the same zone.