

EMS Update

February 2023

Spring Protocol Changes

Spring protocol updates will go into effect on Monday, March 13, 2022. Policy updates are planned, details to follow. No Protocol Committee will be required. These updates will be available on Healthstream for at least two weeks prior to this date. As always, protocol ideas can be submitted via email to krueger.zachariah@mhsil.com at any time.

DEADLINE: IDPH Non-Transport Vehicle Inspections

All Region 3 Non-Transport vehicle inspections are due in March. Failure to complete these inspections will result in the agency losing its EMS license and requires a new application. All non-transport agency inspections are needed ASAP. The form can be found at <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/emergency-preparedness-response/ems/provider-vehicle-licensing.html>

Emergency Department Access at Springfield Memorial Hospital

Effective Feb. 1, 2023 the EMS entrance to Springfield Memorial Hospital is badge only (no numerical code option).

Memorial Health IV Pump Changes

Memorial Health has transitioned to new Baxter IV Pumps. Scan the QR code for a video highlight tutorial and illustrations. All Memorial Health affiliates are transitioning but on different timelines, so providers must make sure they are familiar with the pumps they are transporting.

Baxter



High School Graduation Requirement for EMS Licensure

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, students who historically completed the GED will now receive a State of Illinois High School Diploma. This will meet the qualifications for all EMS licenses. EMR still does not have such requirement, but all the other licenses do.

Winter Reminder

February typically has some of the worst winter weather. In some situations, it is appropriate to delay the exposure part of a patient assessment until the patient is in the back of the heated ambulance. If patients have to wait outside prior to transport, even when packaged on a backboard, blankets should be under the backboard to insulate the patient from the cold ground as well as around the patient for warmth.

Scheduling for 2023 Required Training Has Begun

Taylorville Fire Dept. is hosting Rescue Task Force and Bleeding Control Training on Feb 13 - 15 at 1 p.m.

Taylorville Fire Dept. is hosting Pit Crew CPR Training on Feb 20 – 22 at 9 a.m. Contact tfdac@taylorville.net

New Berlin Island Grove EMS is hosting Rescue Task Force and Bleeding Control Training on Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. Contact glensam4@aol.com

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Education

The MEMS monthly CEU topic for February is Psychiatric Emergencies. The dates and times are Friday, Feb. 10, 9 – 10 a.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7 – 9 p.m. Sign-up is on [Healthstream](#).

Chandlerville Fire Department is hosting an EMR Class. Contact Rhianna Dennis rdennis1990@yahoo.com for info.

LLCC is open for CEU's. More info is available at <https://www.llcc.edu/explore/medical-district/health-care-continuing-education>

Education Tidbit

If you were to memorize 10 pieces of information, and did nothing more than memorize, 7 of those information pieces would be lost within 30 days. To maintain that knowledge, you must apply and utilize the information to truly learn it.