



#### EMS Week 2025

May 18-24, 2025, is EMS Week. During this time IDPH grants recognition for providers celebrating 5-year increment anniversaries. Agencies can forward information for any provider reaching a 5-year increment at their licensure level to the EMS Office (must be submitted by May 12). THANK YOU to all the EMS providers for everything that you do!

# Expanded Scope and Paramedic Interfacility Protocols

April is the month where we complete the required competency for Expanded Scope and now Paramedic Interfacility. 2025 saw a few changes in that IDPH modified the experience requirement for Expanded Scope bringing it down to 6 months. Memorial EMS added several medications but also moved many of the medications to a newly introduced Paramedic Interfacility level. To treat patients on interfacility transports with the administration of medication infusions, providers are required to complete competency within April unless their agency is on an IDPH approved extension. New providers and/or retests can complete this at any scheduled protocol testing session.

## Online Office Hours

Beginning in June, Memorial EMS will start hosting online office hours rotating between a focus on EMS Operations and Lead Instructor/Licensure Courses. These will be open to any providers; there is no specific role or credential required. Sessions will focus on access to information, explanation of processes, streamlining needs and other similar information. We will schedule through 2025 and then determine need thereafter.

Online office hours will occur via Microsoft Teams and, as a reminder, people can participate via computer or mobile device. If on a mobile device, it is best to download the TEAMS app, which is free to download and use. Registration will take place via HealthStream; the monthly newsletter will introduce each upcoming topic. As applicable, CE hours will be provided. These sessions will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month and will take place from 5:15-6:00.

### **CE Reminders**

**Thurs., May 15 at 1500** - EMS Journal Club - in person location: DMH classroom C (or virtual) **Wed., May 21 at 1100** - Neonatal Resuscitation Lecture – virtual



# **Upcoming Licensure Courses**

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