

EMS Update

Date: May 2023

EMS Operations Reminder

Under the structure of the Illinois EMS Act, EMS is licensed by agency and by vehicle, there is no opportunity to work independently of that structure. As summer activities begin, multiple organizations reach out for EMS coverage for their event, either by insurance requirement, perceived need and/or past history. These requests can only be taken by EMS agencies who are responding with a licensed vehicle and the required personnel for that vehicle, individuals cannot fill this role. Agencies do have the ability to modify the licensure level of the vehicle through submission of a Special Event Form, but only within the licensing options of the system and IDPH. Any time an agency is contracting outside of their normal response area, a Special Event Form should be completed.

Happy EMS Week 2023

EMS Week is May 21- May 27, the 49th annual National EMS week! EMS providers in our area have been working harder than ever and stepping up on some big jobs. We would like to say THANK YOU to all the area EMS providers and encourage their agencies to do the same.



Each year, the Wednesday of EMS Week is designated as EMSC Day, which provides an opportunity to highlight the need to ensure quality care for children in the prehospital setting. This year, EMSC Day is **Wednesday, May 24**. Please consider supporting pediatric emergency care through the following:

- Information on EMSC Day ideas can be accessed at: [Pediatric Ideas for Theme Days • EICC \(emscimprovement.center\)](#)
- Nominate an individual(s) who has made a positive contribution to pediatric care, whether through EMS education, patient management, health promotion/injury prevention or performance of a heroic or life-saving activity for a child. Nominations are due Monday, May 8 and should be emailed to dph.emsweek@illinois.gov.
- Participate in the National EMSC Innovation & Improvement Center (EICC) webinar on May 24 5 – 6:30 p.m. on *The Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC): Where Emergency Care for Kids Begins*. This 60-minute webinar will provide 1.5 CAPCE credits through Prodigy EMS. NOTE: **REGISTRATION IS FREE**. Register: https://dellmed-utexas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v3Jfp2UuQzWEa_QpT3fonw#/registration

Grant Opportunity

Information is available for a funding opportunity to cities, towns, counties and other organizations through the [Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program \(SS4A\)](#). You can learn more here: [fiscal year \(FY\) 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). Applications are also [live on Grants.gov](#). The deadline for applications is July 10, 2023.

MEMS Education

Save the date for the 2023 Mid-America Emergency Symposium on Sept. 8, at the MLC (times and content to follow).

The MEMS monthly CEU topic for May is Airway Management on Friday May 12 at 9 – 10 a.m. and Tuesday May 23, 7 – 9 p.m.

Don't forget about the Lead Instructor education opportunity that was sent out. Contact brown.sara@mhsil.com to sign up.

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New Process for Communicating with the EMS Office

Have a question or concern that doesn't require an Incident report? Not feeling like making that long trek back to the EMS Office? Or maybe you're just curious about the outcome or findings on a particular patient? MEMS now has an easier way to submit these requests. Simply take out your magic lightbox and scan the QR code! It only takes about a minute. It can be done from anywhere and for any MH location. A FIN number is required. This QR code will is located in the EMS room as well.

