

Mobile Crisis Response

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Network will have a significant update in 2022, several steps will occur with these changes, the first of which will take place Apr. 4, 2022. Effective Apr. 4, the MCR for Sangamon and Menard counties will go live, with Morgan-Scott and Logan-Mason following in the next months. The goal of the MCRs is to provide crisis services in the community, however there will be situations where the patient will need transport. When EMS is requested, it would be to transport the patient to the local emergency department of the patient's choice. As more developments come online with this program updates will be included in later newsletters.

Expanded Scope Testing

Expanded scope testing information is attached. Please note that if a provider will be testing in Springfield, they will need to sign-up on Healthstream and come at their scheduled time. Also, please note that the Echo EMS location is now the Pana Fire Dept. and the RuralMed EMS address in St. Elmo has been updated.

Latex Glove Ban Act

The short version of a new Illinois law (HB209) is that the use of latex gloves by EMS personnel on and after Jan. 1, 2023 is strictly prohibited. Section 15 allows for usage only during a "crisis situation" when sourcing non-latex gloves becomes unreliable, further information can be found [here](#). While I don't suspect many (if any) agencies are using latex gloves, keep it in mind when ordering supplies and preparing for future unit inspections.

AED's Required to Have Pre-Market Authority (PMA)

The FDA has been working for several years to establish and enforce quality requirements for AEDs. While this work started in 2015, the enforcement date was pushed back to 2022. For agencies who utilize AEDs, please review the attached document. Most importantly, verify that the AED utilized is one of the models listed. If not, you may already be recognizing supply chain issues as that manufacturer has chosen to not meet this requirement and sunset that particular unit. If utilizing a unit other than one listed on the PMA sheet, the agency needs to make plans to replace the unit as parts and equipment will not be available moving forward.

MEMS Education

The MEMS monthly CEU topic for April is Sepsis. The dates and times are Friday, April 8, 9 – 11 a.m. and Tuesday, April 26, 7 – 9 p.m. Both have the remote on-line access option and Friday can be attended in-person. Sign-up is on [Healthstream](#).

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| PHTLS | May 12 | MLC (one spot remains) |
| EMR | April 16 | Murrayville-Woodson EMS |
| EMT | June 6 | RuralMed EMS |