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Memorial EMS in 2023

As we have worked to find our new normal in so many ways, EMS Education will resume in 2023. New (returning to 2023) will be scheduling training for all EMS providers in the Memorial EMS System. Topics will include Pit Crew CPR and Rescue Task Force/Bleeding Control for in person trainings. Assessment/Communication and HIPAA/Administrative Requirements to be available for CBL. We are currently working on scheduling the in-person trainings and will have the CBLS ready in the first quarter. Also for 2023, we will be improving communication within the EMS System and need your help. All providers will be required to update their contact information (email and cell phone) within Healthstream linked [here](#). Additionally you will need to verify your contact information is correct in the IDPH database of EMS providers (email, address and cell phone). [ILDOH EMS Master \(illinois.gov\)](#)

Local System Review Board

All EMS systems in the state of Illinois are required to maintain a Local System Review Board. This is occasionally updated and expanded. We are looking for new members at every level of EMS licensure (EMR, EMT, AEMT, EMT-P, PHRN, EMD and CCT). Anyone interested with serving or with questions can reach out to Sara Brown at brown.sara@mhsil.com.

Emergency Department Access at Springfield Memorial Hospital (SMH)

Effective February 1, 2023, the EMS entrance to SMH will be badge only (no numerical code option). There will still be the intercom to ring the unit clerk if needed; acute traumas will have someone from registration at the door. Any agency needing updated badges should contact Cassidy at Cooper.Cassidy@mhsil.com to request those. Badges are matched to vehicle numbers. If an agency wants individual badges, that is an option also.

Lincoln Land Community College Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare Workforce (PATH) grant

Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) has a grant opportunity for several healthcare programs (including EMS) that would cover the cost of tuition, books and several other needed pieces for the EMT classes. More information is available at the links below. Anyone currently in EMS qualifies.

<https://www.llcc.edu/path>

<https://www.llcc.edu/open-door-workforce-equity-initiative>

<https://www.llcc.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-faqs>

EMT Curriculum Updates

As we look at ways to increase success for our EMT classes, we are working on a system wide curriculum for EMT courses. Any instructors or current providers who are interested in working on this project should contact Sara Brown at brown.sara@mhsil.com. Continuing education (CE) credits are given for any work performed specific to EMT scope of practice and Lead Instructor CE can be provided for work on curriculum. One of the challenges that our students are facing is current providers reiterating dated scope of practice, when a particular chief complaint now has a newer treatment recommendation.



NEMSIS 3.5 Rollout

Illinois participates in the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) database, which is updated from time to time. The version 3.5 rollout is ready and the Schematron file is attached. **CALL to ACTION**, all transport agency leaders need to work with their ePCR vendor to import the update. IDPH allows a twelve month window for implementation, which will run through December 2023. Transport agencies are encouraged to complete this soon to work through any potential challenges. Agencies who have not completed the transition by the deadline will be required to resubmit data in order to be compliant with IDPH Administrative Code Section 515.350. Transport agencies can always validate that their submissions are being received by logging into their BioSpatial Portal. A couple of things to note about the Illinois State Schematron file attached to this email: Specialized software is required to open it. However, EMS data submitters and their software vendors need it to be able to configure their software to accept Illinois NEMSIS v3.5 data. If you don't fit into either of these categories then you were included on the email for awareness purposes only.

NREMT Fee Changes

With the beginning of 2023, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians is planning changes to the costs of their tests. Tests will go up to \$88 for EMR, \$104 for EMT, \$144 for AEMT and \$160 for Paramedic/ PHRN. These are the costs of the cognitive (written exam) per attempt. Any certification that requires a psychomotor exam has an additional cost for that exam. As a reminder, NREMT is the only test available for EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic/ PHRN. The psychomotor is not required in order to obtain the Illinois license. The Illinois (IDPH) license is required in order to function in any EMS capacity. Maintaining the NREMT certification is optional.

NREMT Exam Changes

The National Registry will debut several new item types on the ALS examinations beginning late January of 2023. These new items aim to create a more authentic, field-related and engaging testing experience for AEMT and Paramedic candidates. These item types are familiar in the testing industry and are referred to as Technology Enhanced Items (TEIs). They simply use innovative computer technology to ask an examination question that collects more information than standard multiple-choice response

Lincoln Land Community College is Open for CEUs

Topics, dates and more information can be found at: <https://www.llcc.edu/explore/medical-district/health-care-continuing-education>

Education

Here is the link to a free IL Poison Control 1 hour CEU [Continuing Education Credit \(illinoispoisoncenter.org\)](https://www.illinoispoisoncenter.org)
The Mems monthly CEU topic for January is Pediatric Assessments. The dates and times are Friday, Jan. 13, 9 – 10 a.m. and Tuesday, Jan 24, 7 – 9 p.m.. Sign-up is on Healthstream [here](#).

LLCC EMS course registration ends January 7 Info [here](#).

Richland EMS course registration ends January 11 Info [here](#).