

EMS Update

November 2023

Protocol Changes

As outlined in protocol, any changes will take effect at 0700 on the Monday following time change, Monday, Nov. 6. A summary of the changes is available on [HealthStream](#). In anticipation of a larger than normal Spring protocol update, we are immediately beginning the work of the protocol review committee. Anyone interested in participating should contact Zack at Krueger.Zachariah@mhsil.com. All participants will need to be available Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. for a 1-2 hour Teams meeting. We limit participation to one representative per agency; however, anyone (at any time) can submit ideas via email (same as above) that will be considered in the next protocol committee.

Twiage for 12 Lead EKGs

All providers should be utilizing Twiage when submitting 12 Lead EKGs to any Memorial Health hospital. Zoll monitors can embed the EKG in the report, Physio monitors cannot so a picture of the EKG printout should be included.

Upgrade to NEMSIS 3.5

All transport agencies are required to submit data to IDPH based on the NEMSIS 3.5 data elements. This has been a twelve-month transition period, ending early December. After Dec. 17, agencies will have to work with their software vendor to correct and resubmit data. Many of the transport providers still need to make this transition.

Out of Area/ State or Online EMS Licensure Courses

As more online/hybrid education becomes available, we wanted to remind potential students/employers of regulations regarding EMS Student Clinical. Students cannot perform clinical without IDPH approval. If the course is not held in Illinois, the course needs IDPH approval by obtaining an EMS Resource Hospital and completing clinical agreements with agencies in that EMS System. This needs to be done BEFORE a student enrolls in an out-of-state course to confirm that they will be able to do clinical in Illinois.

Decatur Area EMS Changes

In late September many providers in Region 6 were notified that their EMS Resource Hospital would no longer be functioning in that capacity. As a result, Decatur Memorial Hospital is becoming an EMS Resource Hospital for EMS agencies effective Nov. 14. The only change that EMS providers in the Springfield Memorial EMS system will see is a landing page for Springfield Memorial EMS and a separate landing page for Decatur Memorial EMS. Please make sure to follow the pathway for your appropriate page.

Licensure Courses

EMT	Logan County Paramedics Assn.	Starts 11/6/23	lcpa4@lcpa-il.com
EMT	Murrayville Woodson EAS	Starts 11/27/23	mweas@irtc.net
EMT	Lincoln Land Comm College	Starts 1/15/23	www.LLCC.edu
AEMT	Lincoln Land Comm College	Starts 1/15/23	www.LLCC.edu
EMR	Ashland Fire Protection Dist.	Starts 1/12/24	ashlandvolfiredept@gmail.com

November Education

Environmental Emergencies (Winter) **11/10** - 9:00 am **11/28** - 7:00 pm
Sign up on [Healthstream](#) Contact: crum.andrew@mhsil.com with any education related questions.

Date: November 2023

