

Trauma Advisory Council Report June 12, 2025

General

- We are drafting rules specific to EMS based on legislation that was signed into law by Governor Pritzker. This will include legislation that went into effect in late 2023 and early 2024.
- As a reminder EMS System Plan amendments are due prior to August 1st.
- EMS Region 4 will soon have a new Regional EMS Coordinator, additional announcements are pending final approvals.
- The NREMT EMT first attempt pass rate was 72% as of Tuesday of this week. This is up from 56% the same day last year.
- EMS Systems and Service providers are preparing for 2025 summer events.

EMS Licensing

- Service Providers **NEED** to be ready for inspections before IDPH staff arrive on site. These inspections are scheduled ahead of time. A copy of what IDPH will be inspecting is on our public website.
- Service Provider licenses are good for 4 years **IF** the provider meets/ maintains annual requirements. You must pass your inspections and pay your fees annually to be compliant.
- The Springfield office staff are working from home. Our building is not open to the public. If you wish to come to the Springfield office, you must make an appointment with staff.
- Best procedure for contacting the Springfield office is by e-mailing at: DPH.EMTLIC@illinois.gov
- EMS Staff are currently processing items within 2 weeks from when the department receives the application or renewal.

EMS Grants Program

- There was \$72,175.00 available for the EMS Assistance 26 grant once the regional rankings are completed then award decisions will be made.

EMSC Program Updates

EMSC Pediatric Prehospital Committee

- The Pediatric Prehospital Committee is continuing the development of an EMS agency pediatric recognition program. As a result of grant funding reduction, the contracted project manager position ends July 25, 2025.

Pediatric Facility Recognition Updates

- Initial EDAP recognition for one hospital in EMS Region 6 pending post survey letter response, due this month.
- One initial EDAP application for region 11 has been received.

- 5 other hospitals in Illinois are working towards their initial facility recognition.
- Hospitals in Regions 1, 10, and one in Region 11 are undergoing site surveys.
- One Region 1 hospital has withdrawn.
- Region 9 Hospitals will be surveyed this fall.
- Rush University Medical Center in EMS Region 11 became a PCCC/EDAP effective June 1, 2025. Formal presentation of a PCCC certificate by IDPH occurred on June 5th.
- Updates to the Pediatric DKA module are completed and pending updated site code.

Critical Access Hospitals

- Illinois EMSC continues to provide grant funding to the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network to support pediatric emergency care education and training for critical access hospital emergency departments

Stroke Program Updates

IDPH Stroke Hospital Designation Count:
Total Hospitals: 156

New Designations/changes:

May 2025:

Deaconess Illinois CrossRoads Inc designated as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital (new designation)