

Meeting Notice

The New York State Department of Health has announced that the following meetings have been scheduled. These meetings will be conducted in person. The meetings will be held in the Conference Ballroom at the Gideon Putnam Saratoga Springs, NY.

Tuesday May 12, 2026 – The New York State Emergency Medical Services Council and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee will hold sub-committee meetings as follows:

Meetings will immediately follow each other within the time blocks indicated below and will provide brief breaks between each committee to set up for the next meeting.

08:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Finance Education and Training Legislative and Regulations Safety
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	LUNCH
01:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Systems Quality Metrics EMS Innovations and Research

Wednesday May 13, 2026 – The New York State Emergency Medical Services Council (SEMSCO) and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) will hold the following meetings:

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Medical Standards and Protocols
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Executive
11:30 am -- 1:30 pm	State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
2:00 pm -- 4:30 pm	State Emergency Medical Services Council

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Mark your calendars for the upcoming 2026 Council Meetings

- September 15 and 16, 2026 – Troy Hilton Garden Inn, Troy
- December 8 and 9, 2026 – Saratoga Holiday Inn, Saratoga



AGENDA

Finance Subcommittee
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Meetings will immediately follow each other within the time blocks

Meeting 1 of 4

Conference Ballroom

1. Call to Order
2. Record of Attendance
3. Subcommittee discussion of payment for Treat-in-Place
 - a. Ambulance Payment for Code A0998 for Treat No Transport
 - b. Update on the approval process for the Medicaid State Plan Amendment to enable implementation on Medicaid Treat-in-Place Ambulance Payment (legislation signed into law by Governor Hochul in 2024)
4. Update on New York State Rural Health Transformation Grant Application – Department of Health held a webinar on January 16, 2026 that was attended by members of the State Emergency Medical Services Council Technical Advisory Group that worked on the EMS proposals
 - a. New York State was awarded \$212,058,207 through a cooperative agreement with Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to cover the first program year
 - i. New York State has a rural population of 2.1 million people
 - ii. Program year one – December 29, 2025 – October 30, 2026
 - iii. Five-year program runs through October 30, 2030
 - b. Principals in New York State application – feasible, measurable, sustainable, transformative
 - c. 47 New York State counties that have more than 10% of population in rural census tracts or population of less than 200,000
 - d. One of the project programs that can support EMS initiatives is Rural Community Health Integration
 - i. To establish rural health partnerships that facilitate comprehensive care coordination
 - ii. Opportunity for rural hospitals or other lead health care organizations to collaborate with health care organizations to jointly apply for funding
 - iii. EMS was specifically mentioned as a potential collaborator
 - e. Another project program is the Rural Roots program to expand the health care workforce
 - i. Includes expanding EMS education through new remote supported training technologies
 - ii. This was suggested to Department of Health by the State Emergency Medical Services Council Technical Advisory Group
 - f. Another project will expand access to care through telehealth with investments in technology innovation
 - i. No specific references to EMS, but it could present an opportunity for EMS
 - g. Project information found at https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/transforming_rural_healthcare/
5. Ambulance Service Cost Analysis Data and Payment Adequacy
 - a. Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System Report



AGENDA

Education and Training Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Meetings will immediately follow each other within the time blocks

Meeting 2 of 4

Conference Ballroom

1. Call To Order
2. Record of Attendance
3. Division of State EMS Report
 - a. Greenberg / Chesney/ Lockwood
4. Old Business
 - a. PSI Services- emails for exam scores / vouchering for certification
 - b. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Updates
 - i. New York State Practical Skills Exam (PSE) Technical Advisory Group – Howard Huth
 1. Paramedic Originals – New York State policy released 24-07
 2. Emergency Medical Technician Original “pilot program” - policy forthcoming
 - ii. Field Training Officer (FTO) Technical Advisory Group – Scott Clark
 1. Feedback from Vital Signs pre-conference class
 2. Working with Systems Committee
 - (a) What is the role of agencies in mentoring new certified providers?
 - (b) Onboarding / maintaining provider’s tool kit
 - iii. Course Funding Technical Advisory Group
 1. Working jointly with Finance Subcommittee
 - (a) Awaiting impact of previous increases to then guide additional increases
 - (b) Next steps balance Practical Skills Exam / Skills funds to complexity of the level
 - (c) Funding over time- 3 years v 4 years
 - (d) Mike Shaw to be liaison to Finance Committee
 - iv. Regional Training Plan Technical Advisory Group
 - c. Function Job Descriptions- update available?
 - d. Collaborative Protocol- check of changes to match scope of practice / education standards
 - e. EMT-CC sunset- awaiting Technical Advisory Group report
 - f. Rapid Sequence Intubation training and credentialing process- Technical Advisor Group formed
 5. New Business
 - a. Interest in Chair-person position
 6. Adjournment



AGENDA

Legislative and Regulations Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Meetings will immediately follow each other within the time blocks

Meeting 3 of 4

Conference Ballroom

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Record of Attendance
3. Advancing Sustainable and Reliable Emergency Medical Services in New York State: Guidance to Counties (team discussion, document attached)
4. Emergency Medical Services related issues in the Executive's proposed budget
5. Update on the Medicare ambulance add-on payments which were authorized until January 31, 2026
6. Amongst many other bills pushing their way through the New York State Legislature, AB1647 is of particular interest to members of SEMSCO based on numerous discussions last year. This bill relates to decriminalizing the possession of buprenorphine: The relevant section reads as follows: "Controlled substances may be ordered for use by an addict or habitual user by a practitioner and administered by a practitioner, registered nurse, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-PARAMEDIC, ACTING WITHIN THEIR SCOPE OF PRACTICE, to relieve acute withdrawal symptoms."
7. Regulatory packet updates
 - a. Ambulance Build Standards- final approvals to release for public comment
 - b. Blood Administration Programs- final approvals to release for public comment
 - c. Systems Performance Standards-
 - i. Systems- in drafting by Division
 - ii. Quality- in drafting by Division
 - d. Community Paramedicine- final approvals to release for public comment
 - e. Quality Metrics- Documentation Standard- in drafting by Division
 - f. Rescue Inhalers- in drafting by the Division
8. Old Business
9. New business
10. Adjournment



AGENDA

**EMS Safety Subcommittee
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
8:30 am – 12:00 pm**

Meetings will immediately follow each other within the time blocks
Meeting 4 of 4
Conference Ballroom

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Record of Attendance
3. Old Business
 - a. Management of escalation tactics
 - i. Bryan B. update
 - b. Policy 00-13 – Operation of Emergency Medical Services Vehicles
 - i. Jim Neary
 - ii. Draft review
 - iii. What changes/additions made
 - iv. Next steps
 - c. Hazardous Response Plan
 - i. Rich/ Carol
 - d. Restraint Policy
 - i. Dr. Isaacs
 - ii. Draft document
 - iii. Feedback received
 - e. Stretcher operations
 - i. Education
 1. Training topics
 2. What type of injuries we are seeing with power stretchers and power loads
 - f. Red lights and sirens review
 - i. Scott Clark
 - ii. Next steps
 - g. Mass Casualty Incident follow-up
 - i. Group
 - ii. Ed Mager
4. New Business
 - a. Workplace violence
 - i. What steps do we want to take?
5. Adjournment



AGENDA

EMS Systems Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Meetings will immediately follow each other within the time blocks

Meeting 1 of 3

Conference Ballroom

1. Call to Order
2. Record of Attendance
3. New York State Medicaid presentation
4. Old Business
 1. Certificate of Need Application Modernization update
 - i. Definition of Need Group Sub-group (David V)
 2. Low acuity calls
 3. Other old business
5. New Business
6. Adjournment



AGENDA

Quality Metrics Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Meetings will immediately follow each other within the time blocks

Meeting 2 of 3

Conference Ballroom

1. Call to Order
2. Record Attendance
3. Activity Report
 - a. Emergency Medical Services Trauma and Data Support Unit
 - i. Biospatial
 - ii. Schematron rollout
 - iii. Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)
 - iv. Publishing Electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR) Education Snip
 - v. National Emergency Medical Services Quality Alliance (NEMSQA) Measure Report Building
 - vi. Providing Outcome Data to Emergency Medical Services
 1. Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY), New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC)
 - b. Clinical Data Integrity Technical Advisory Group
 - i. Procedures/Medications/Impressions defined list workgroup report
 - c. Educational Offerings
 - i. Funding for courses
 1. 8 Hour intro
 2. 16-hour Coordinator
 3. Online Courses
 - ii. Introduction of Quality Improvement in primary Emergency Medical Services education
4. New Business
5. Adjournment



AGENDA

EMS Innovations and Research Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

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Meeting 3 of 3

Conference Ballroom

1. Call to Order
2. Record Attendance
3. Innovations Workgroup Reports and Discussion
 - a. Behavioral Health Care Collaboration for Crisis Stabilization Centers
 - i. Finalized Crisis Stabilization Centers guidance for EMS
 - b. Research Subcommittee
 - i. Updated research policy/pathway
 - ii. Division report
 - c. Artificial Intelligence in EMS
 - i. Communication on advisory
 - ii. Next steps
4. Wadsworth Laboratory Collaboration
5. Open Forum
6. Adjournment



AGENDA

**Protocol / Medical Standards Subcommittee
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
8:00 am – 10:00 am
Conference Ballroom**

1. Call meeting to order – Chair Dr. Jeff Rabrich, DO
2. Record Attendance
3. Old Business
 - a. Blood Implementation update
 - b. Clinical Data Integrity Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
 - c. Specialty Care Transport (SCT) Technical Advisory Group update
 - d. Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) training and credentialing process - minimum standards?
4. New Business
 - a. Collaborative Protocol 2026 update approval
 - b. New York City Protocols approval
 - c. Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) request to re-add Furosemide
 - d. STAT Medevac protocols
 - e. Air Medical Protocols
 - f. Use of pelvic binders
 - g. Rigid cervical collars
 - h. National education standards and student evaluations
5. Adjournment



AGENDA

**New York State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC)
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Conference Ballroom**

1. Call to Order: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
2. Opening Comments: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of 12/10/25 Meeting Minutes: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
6. Division Staff Report: Ryan P. Greenberg, Director
7. Reports of Standing Subcommittees:
 1. Education: Donald Hudson
 2. Medical Standards/Protocol: Dr. Jeff Rabrich, DO
 3. Emergency Medical Services for Children Amy Eisenhauer
8. Old Business:
 - a. State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee Bylaws
 - b. Update on State Medical Director
9. New Business:
 - a. Dr. Jason Winslow discussion on controlled substances and EMS
10. Announcements: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
11. Adjournment: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair



AGENDA

New York State Emergency Medical Services Council (SEMSCO)

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 pm

Conference Ballroom

1. Call to order by Elizabeth McGown, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Accept minutes of 12/10/2025
5. Correspondence
6. Chairperson's Report
7. First Vice Chairperson's Report
8. Second Vice Chairperson's Report
9. State EMS Staff Report – Ryan Greenberg
10. State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
11. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive
 - b. Medical Standards
 - c. Education & Training
 - d. Finance
 - e. EMS Systems
 - f. Legislative
 - g. Safety
 - h. Quality Metrics
 - i. EMS Innovations and Research
 - j. Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Committee Update
 - k. State Trauma Advisory Committee Update
12. Old Business
 - a. Update on the Rural Ambulance Services Taskforce Report
13. New Business
14. Adjournment