



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 Ferris Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY.

Tuesday December 9, 2025 – The New York State Emergency Medical Services Council and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee will hold sub-committee meetings as follows:

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Finance
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Education and Training
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Legislative and Regulations
11:45 am – 1:15 pm	Systems
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	LUNCH
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Safety
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Quality Metrics
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	EMS Innovations and Research

Wednesday December 10, 2025 – 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.

- February 24 and 25, 2026 – Embassy Suites, Saratoga
- May 12 and 13, 2026 – Gideon Putnam, Saratoga
- September 15 and 16, 2026 – Troy Hilton Garden Inn, Troy
- December 8 and 9, 2026 – Saratoga Holiday Inn, Saratoga



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**Finance Subcommittee
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
8:00 am – 9:00 am
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call to Order
2. Record of Attendance
3. Update on the Status of the Federal Medicaid State Plan Amendment to Implement State Medicaid Payment for Treat-in-Place (legislation signed into law by Governor Hochul in 2024)
 - a. State Emergency Medical Services Council letter sent to Commissioner of Health by David Violante – September 2025
 - b. Update on State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in December 2024
 - c. Contingency planning if State Plan Amendment continues to be delayed
4. Discussion of Provisions in the Federal Budget Bill (H.R.1) That Could Impact EMS
 - a. National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) Summary: <https://files.constantcontact.com/0706891c001/cd83f7a8-4ca4-4d6b-b1ef-4558d10d9655.pdf?rdr=true>
 - b. Updates on implementation
 - c. Update on EMS inclusion in the New York State application for Rural Health Transformation Program funds (\$50 billion nationwide to be allocated to States between 2026 and 2030)
 - i. Meeting held with Department of Health project staff and two proposals completed and submitted to the Department of Health by a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) consisting of Aidan O'Connor, Michael Bennenati, and Steven Kroll
 1. Mobile Integrated Health – Rural Obstetrics Focus
 2. Paramedic Education Through Regional Remote Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Training
 - ii. State Emergency Medical Services Council letter sent to Commissioner of Health by David Violante – September 2025
 1. <https://www.cms.gov/priorities/rural-health-transformation-rht-program/rural-health-transformation-rht-program>
5. State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2027 State Budget Recommendations
 - a. Final State Emergency Medical Services Council approved recommendations for “Aid to Localities-Special Revenue” for EMS training and education, contracted program agencies, and Regional EMS Councils (REMSCO) submitted to the Department of Health in September 2025



6. SFY 2027-2028 State Budget Recommendations
 - a. Finance Subcommittee to complete recommendation by early summer 2026
 - b. Recommendations to be approved by State Emergency Medical Services Council and submitted to the Department of Health by late summer 2026
7. Update on Regionally Available Recruitment/Retention Funds and Paramedic Scholarships
 - a. Regional Recruitment and Retention Allocations (\$15,000 per year)
 - b. Regional Paramedic Scholarship/Tuition Support Allocations (\$20,000 per year)
 - c. Program agencies must have executed contracts to access the funds
 - d. Information sharing on success stories from regions that have put in place the infrastructure to begin using these funds
8. Federal EMS Funding
 - a. The current Medicare “add-on” payments expired on September 30, 2025, when the federal government shut down. Without the extension of these ground ambulance “add-ons,” beyond September 30, 2025, urban ambulance services will receive a 2% cut, rural ambulance services will receive a 3% cut, and super rural ambulance services will receive a 22.6% cut.
 - b. If Congress does not waive the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (S-PAYGO) Trigger to Ensure deficit neutrality, Medicare payments could be reduced up to 4%
9. Course Sponsor Fiscal Sustainability
 - a. Update from Division of EMS on the SUNY Re-Connect program
 - i. <https://www.suny.edu/communitycollege/free-cc/>
 - ii. <https://www.cuny.edu/admissions/reconnect/>
 - b. Next steps on survey results on payment for Paramedic education from recent Paramedic students
 - i. “I am paying for Paramedic school myself” = 152 (72.4%)
 - ii. The agency where I am employed or a member is paying the full cost = 41 (19.5%)
 - iii. The agency where I am employed or a member is paying part of the cost = 17 (8%)
 1. Agency pays 0-25% = 2
 2. Agency pays 25-50% = 6
 3. Agency pays 50-75% = 2
 4. Agency pays more than 75% = 7
10. Updates on Data on Hospital Offload Delays
11. New Business
12. Adjournment



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**Education and Training Subcommittee
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
9:15 am – 10:15 am
Ferris 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, LLC updates - format for retrieving 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. Potential New York State micro-credentialing with associated funding
 2. Look at “Pilot Leadership Development Program” - Policy 23-08b as a model for curriculum and funding
 3. Working with Systems Committee
 - (a) What is the role of agencies in mentoring new certified providers?
 - (i) Is this divorced from “education”? (Medical School vs. Residency, Trade School vs. Apprenticeship analogies)
 - 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 step (?) balance Practical Skills Exam / Skills funds to complexity of the level
 2. New EMS funding policy pending release
 - (a) State Emergency Medical Services Council vote (2/2025) to remove the restrictions from Certified First Responder and Emergency Medical Technician class to allow course



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sponsors to charge tuition as well as get full State Reimbursement – like for Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic classes. Current State Policy 25-07.

- iv. Regional Training Plan Technical Advisory Group
- c. Function Job Descriptions- update available?
- 5. New Business
 - a. Emergency Medical Technician-Critical Care Sunset
 - b. Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) training and credentialing process
 - c. Best Practices
 - d. New Part 800 implementation – does it contain items/skills that aren't universally taught (spO₂, Glucometer, Pelvic Binder, Junctional Tourniquet, etc.) - Course sponsors need to be teaching materials in the National EMS Education Standards
- 6. Adjournment



AGENDA

Legislative and Regulations Subcommittee

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Ferris Ballroom

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Record of Attendance
3. Federal H.R. 1 Law: Possible implications on the number of uninsured ambulance patients in New York State. (Steve Kroll, Sally Dreslin)
4. Advancing Sustainable and Reliable EMS in New York State: Guidance to Counties (Team discussion)
5. Regulatory Packet Updates
 - a. Ambulance Build Standards- in final review for initial Public Comment period complete
 - b. Blood Administration Programs- in final review by Division
 - c. Systems Performance Standards-
 - i. Systems- in final drafting by Division
 - ii. Quality- in final drafting by Division
 - d. Community Paramedicine- Advisory Group working toward framework
 - e. Quality Metrics- Documentation Standard- in drafting by Division
 - f. Rescue Inhalers update
6. Old Business
7. New business
8. Adjournment



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EMS Systems Subcommittee
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
11:45 am – 1:15 pm
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1. Call to Order
2. Record of Attendance
3. New York State Medicaid Presentation
4. Certificate of Need (CON) Appeals
 1. Blue Care- Hudson Valley
 2. North Star- North Country
5. Old Business
 1. Certificate of Need Application Modernization Update
 2. Performance Standards Update
 3. Low Acuity Calls
 4. Emergency Medical Technician Number Call Data
 5. Other Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjournment



AGENDA

**EMS Safety Subcommittee
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Ferris 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 Document Review by Committee
 - c. Hazardous Response Plan
 - i. Rich/ Carol
 - ii. Tabletop update for State Emergency Medical Services Council meeting
 - d. Restraint Policy
 - i. Dr. Isaacs
 - ii. Draft Document
 - e. Stretcher Operations
 - i. Two Main Objectives
 1. Education
 - a. Training Topics
 - b. What type of injuries are we seeing with power stretchers and power loaders
 - f. Red Lights and Sirens Review
 - i. Scott Clark
 - g. Mass Casualty Incident Follow-Up
 - i. Group
 - ii. Ed Mager
4. New Business
 - a. Workplace violence
 - i. Review
5. Adjournment



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Quality Metrics Subcommittee

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

Ferris Ballroom

1. Call to Order
2. Record Attendance
3. Activity Report
 - a. Data and Informatics Unit
 - i. Biospatial
 - ii. Schematron rollout
 1. Go live Q1/Q2 2026
 - iii. Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)
 1. Contract with Emory University
 2. Training for Data and Informatics Staff
 - iv. Publishing Electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR) Education Snip
 1. Program Agencies have been asked to publish on their websites
 - v. National EMS Quality Alliance (NEMSQA) Measure Report Building
 - vi. Providing Outcome Data to EMS
 1. Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY),
New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC)
 - b. Quality Improvement Survey- refocusing on intent
 - c. Clinical Data Integrity Technical Advisory Group
 - i. Procedures/Medications/Impressions Defined List Workgroup
 - d. Educational Offerings
 - i. Funding for courses
 - ii. Program Agencies- 3-hour Quality Overview class
 - iii. Agency Quality Personnel
 - iv. Introduction of Quality Improvement in primary EMS education
4. New Business
5. Adjournment



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EMS Innovations and Research Subcommittee

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Ferris Ballroom

1. Call to Order
2. Record Attendance
3. Innovations Workgroup Reports and Discussion
 - a. Behavioral Health Care Collaboration for Crisis Stabilization Centers
 - b. Research Subcommittee
 - c. Artificial Intelligence in EMS
4. State Emergency Medical Services Council / Wadsworth Collaboration
5. Open Forum
6. Adjournment



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Protocol / Medical Standards Subcommittee
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
8:00 am – 10:00 am
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1. Call meeting to order – Chair Dr. Jeff Rabrich, DO
2. Record Attendance
3. Old Business
 - a. Update on Basic Life Support (BLS) Supraglottic Airway (SGA) Policy
 - b. Blood Implementation update
 - c. Clinical data integrity Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
 - d. Specialty Care Transport (SCT) Technical Advisory Group update
 - e. Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) training and credentialing process - minimum standards?
4. New Business
 - a. Collaborative protocol 2026 update
 - i. Draft Protocols for discussion and feedback only
 - b. LifeNet Air Medical Protocols
5. Adjournment



AGENDA

New York State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Ferris 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 9/10/25 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
9. New Business:
 - a. LifeNet Air Medical Protocols
 - b. Update on State Medical Director
10. Announcements: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
11. Adjournment: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair



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**New York State Emergency Medical Services Council (SEMSCO)
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 pm
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call to order by David Violante, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Accept minutes of 09/10/2025
5. Correspondence
6. Chairperson's Report
7. First Vice Chairperson's Report
8. Second Vice Chairperson's Report
9. Officer's Elections
10. State EMS Staff Report – Ryan Greenberg
11. State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
12. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive
 - b. Med 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 Committee Update
13. Old Business
 - a. Update on the Rural Ambulance Services Taskforce Report
14. New Business
15. Adjournment