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COALITION UPDATES

Communication Drills

The next Communication Drill is on May 3, 2023. The Radio Poll will start at 9 am. We will be checking for updates in EMResource, MICIMS/WebEOC, EMTrack, eICS, and MIHAN responses. Please reach out to the Coalition office if you are unfamiliar with and/or need training in any of these platforms.

	Frequency	Dates & Time
All Partners	Biannual	1st Wednesday of May 2023 and November 2023

Region 7 Exercises

Partners,

Thank you all for taking the time to participate in our recent Tornado and Radiological exercises. We had partners from hospital, Long Term Care, Behavioral Health, Dialysis, EMS, clinics, and many more! Your involvement in these exercises provided great insights and conversation about success points, areas of improvement, lessons learned, and best practices. We understand that getting everyone to the table at one time can be a challenge and hope to provide more of these blended training and exercise opportunities in the future. We will share Save the Date information, event flyers, and calendar invites on all of our virtual platforms, where appropriate- website, direct email, newsletter, Facebook, LinkedIn. Currently being worked on is our annual calendar of events and important dates. This will be a document containing all the Healthcare Coalition funded and/or led events and any HPP related deadlines for the current budget period. This will be published to our website on the Events and Training page. Keep your eyes open in June for our Budget Period 5 Calendar of Events and Important Dates!

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We appreciate your continued commitment to the Region and look forward planning our next exercise with you all soon!

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EMS AND SYSTEMS OF CARE UPDATES

Updated Michigan's MEDDRUN, CHEMPACK & SNS Programs MI-TRAIN Training

The Michigan's MEDDRUN, CHEMPACK & SNS Programs MI-TRAIN Training has been updated and is now available. Updates include language clarification, more recent images, and an overall cleaner look. Please share with your HCC partners. The link to the course is below.

[Michigan's MEDDRUN, CHEMPACK & SNS Programs - 1031785](#)

[MEDDRUN 2023.pdf](#)

ASPR UPDATES

ASPR TRACIE Through the Years Video

[This new video](#) provides an overview of ASPR TRACIE and acknowledges its partners for their role in ASPR TRACIE's success. Access the [2022 Year in Review document](#) that includes links to all resources developed last year.

Lessons Learned in Healthcare Communications – April 20, 2023

Healthcare and public health entities have learned many lessons about communicating to their personnel and the public after three years of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and concurrent emergencies. ASPR TRACIE invites partners to [this roundtable webinar](#) where speakers representing a wide range of stakeholders and jurisdiction types (national, large/urban, regional, and

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rural/tribal) will share their perspectives on how they integrate these lessons into current and future responses. Topics will include channels used for outreach and continued engagement, strategies for reaching different community and cultural groups, tracking and countering rumors, and working with partners to create complementary messaging. This webinar takes place on Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 3:00-4:15 p.m. ET. [Register Here](#).

Resource Spotlight: ASPR TRACIE Natural Disasters Resources

Natural disasters and their consequences (e.g., flooding, injuries experienced during clean up) can wreak havoc on health care facilities and the communities they serve. It is important for emergency planners to enroll in alert systems, monitor weather forecasts and have a solid natural disaster or all hazards facility response plan that complements their jurisdiction's plan. The resources in this Topic Collection highlight lessons learned from recent events, communication tools and information, and checklists, plans, tools, and templates that can be modified to suit specific threats and needs. Articles in this [Topic Collection](#) address specific natural disasters and hazards and elements of their planning, but do not address all-hazard planning or specifics of clinical care which may be found in other topic collections.

HOSPITAL

American Medical Association (AMA) Road Map Helps Health Systems Address Physician Burnout

Reducing physician burnout is a critical component of the [AMA Recovery Plan for America's Physicians](#).

Far too many American physicians experience burnout. That's why the [AMA develops resources that prioritize well-being and highlight workflow changes](#) so physicians can focus on what matters—patient care.

Read the [full road map](#) and view more health care workforce burn out resources from the AMA online.

CMS Rural Emergency Hospitals Emergency Preparedness Rule Requirements

Rural Emergency Hospitals (REHs) are a new Medicare Part A provider type and as of January 1, 2023, CMS pays for Medicare-enrolled REHs to deliver emergency hospital, observation, and other services to Medicare patients on an outpatient basis. The [Rural Emergency Hospitals Requirements document](#) combines excerpts from the Final Rule and existing Interpretive Guidelines to provide a consolidated overview document of requirements for these providers.

PUBLIC HEALTH

New Climate Action Toolkit Available Online for Local Health Departments

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and [Climate for Health](#) have developed a [Climate Action Toolkit](#), providing targeted climate-focused resources. With this toolkit, jurisdictions can engage their community, the public, and policymakers regarding climate solutions that help protect families and communities. The toolkit also includes an on-demand [ambassador training](#) that will equip participants with the knowledge, hands-on experience, and resources to speak on climate change and solutions. The ambassador training qualifies for three continuing education units.

EMS

EMS EXPO 2023



Registration is now open for the 2023 EMS EXPO! Join us May 4-6 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City for the largest EMS conference and tradeshow in Michigan.

This year's EXPO will feature the following Keynote Sessions: EMS Transformation Update: What's Promising - What's Threatening presented by Matt Zavadsky, Chief Strategic Integration Officer for Medstar Mobile Healthcare and Mental Health for the Healthcare Provider presented by Dr. Heather Kirkpatrick, Ascension Genesys Hospital Director of Clinical Health Psychology & Behavioral Science for Internal Medicine and Dr. Jodie Eckleberry-Hunt, Board-Certified Health Psychologist, Executive Coach, Author and Speaker.

Register at www.emsexpo.org by April 7 to receive the early bird discount.

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NEW: The schedule is now available [here](#).

Please send any questions about registration to events@miambulance.org.

NAEMSE EMS EDUCATOR SYMPOSIUM 2023



This year's [NAEMSE](#) program will be held in Reno, Nevada, August 14 - 19, 2023. Exhibitor registration is now open! Attendee registration will open soon. This year looks to be one with stellar presentations. NREMT, CoAEMSP, CAPCE and NAEMSP will all be present with presentations that will benefit the EMS educator.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for 2023 Rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Grant Program

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has announced a NOFO for the 2023 Rural EMS Training Grant Program. There have been important revisions to the amount of funding available and the anticipated number of awards that will be granted.

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SAMHSA encourages rural EMS agencies (both fire-based and non-fire based) operated by a local or tribal government, as well as rural non-profit EMS agencies, to apply.

Review the [NOFO announcement](#) for a full description of the training program, eligibility information and award details. All applications are due May 1, 2023. The goal of this SAMHSA program is to recruit and train EMS personnel in rural areas with a particular focus on addressing substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring disorders (COD) substance use and mental disorders. Grant recipients will be expected to train EMS personnel on SUD and COD, trauma-informed, recovery-based care for people with such disorders in emergency situations and, as appropriate, to maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serve in an EMS agency. Apply [here](#).

LONG TERM CARE

Region 7 LTC Subcommittee Meetings

Every 3 months on the 2nd Wednesday at 10 am.

- ~~November 9, 2022~~
- ~~February 8, 2023~~
- May 10, 2023

Alcohol Based Hand Rub (ABHR)

Attached is the LARA presentation information from the March 9th Long Term Care office hours which provides additional information on the requirements for placement of ABHR. The recording will be available on Long Term Care COVID-19 Plan (michigan.gov) in the reporting section.

[ABHR Dispensers.pptx](#)

[ABHR.docx](#)

DIALYSIS

Dialysis Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

- June 27, 2023- 10-11 am
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BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health Meeting Schedule 2023

- June 14, 2023- 11-12 pm
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PEDIATRICS

Hospital ED Pediatric Champion Office Hours -- April - 25, 2023

The next ED Pediatric Champion Office Hours is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th from 2:00-3:00 P.M. A save-the-date flyer will be coming out shortly.

HHS Child and Adolescent Health Emergency Planning Toolkit

The [HHS Child and Adolescent Health Emergency Planning Toolkit](#) addresses the needs of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in emergency preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation, and community

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resilience activities. As a companion to the [HHS Maternal-Child Health \(MCH\) Emergency Planning Toolkit](#), this toolkit aligns with ongoing HHS objectives to ensure health equity for all children, adolescents, and CYSHCN and their families/caregivers to ensure access to high-quality care, services, and support across the emergency management cycle.

The toolkit is intended for health care, public health, and social services providers serving CYSHCN and their families/caregivers. The toolkit contains approaches, resources, and practices to help providers coordinate and integrate systems of care for CYSHCN and their families/caregivers. Learn more about [the toolkit](#) on the ASPR website.

SPECIAL PATHOGENS

National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) Situation Report: Marburg Cases Rise in Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania

On March 22, 2023, the World Health Organization released new information on the [outbreak of Marburg virus disease in Equatorial Guinea](#). Since the last update in late February, eight more confirmed cases have been detected, bringing the total to 29 confirmed and probable cases. All but two are deceased.

Cases have now been reported in three different provinces across an area of about 90 miles. Not all cases are epidemiologically linked, suggesting the potential for undetected community transmission. With 29 confirmed and probable cases, this outbreak is already the [fourth largest on record](#). On March 21, 2023, [Tanzania reported the country's first Marburg outbreak](#). To date, there have been at least eight cases, five of them fatal, including a health care worker. Three people are receiving treatment, and 161 contacts have been identified and are being monitored.

CDC Provides Update on Marburg Virus

On March 21, CDC issued a [travel health notice](#) for Marburg in Tanzania. CDC alerted state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) public health agencies as well as nongovernmental partners to this information in a March 21 letter. The letter also included links to MVD-related resources currently available. In addition, CDC is currently reviewing and updating, as needed, other existing Marburg and viral hemorrhagic fever resources and will make these materials available to STLT jurisdictions and partners.

CDC is working with federal and international partners to support the government of Equatorial Guinea in their efforts to contain the outbreak as soon as possible. CDC is also coordinating with ASPR and other interagency colleagues to ensure domestic preparedness for this threat.

MVD Informational Resources

- [Marburg Disease Outbreak](#)
- [Marburg Virus Disease Information](#)
- [A Clinicians Reference Guide to Marburg Virus Disease](#)
- [EMS Guidelines for Marburg Disease](#)

Updated EMS Checklist for Ebola Now Available

ASPR and CDC recently updated a checklist for emergency medical services (EMS) providers regarding the safe transport of patients with suspected or confirmed Ebola virus disease. [View the checklist online here.](#)

National Emerging Special Pathogens Training & Education Center (NETEC) Releases EMS Guidelines for Marburg Virus Disease

Marburg virus disease (MVD) is a rare but severe viral hemorrhagic fever caused by Marburg virus, which is part of the filoviridae family that includes Ebola virus. Cases of MVD are rare but outbreaks occasionally arise in sub-Saharan Africa, where the virus circulates in the Egyptian fruit bat. Humans can be infected through contact with infected animals and through person-to-person spread. In countries where outbreaks have occurred, the case fatality rate for MVD is between 24 and 88 percent. [Learn more about transmission.](#)

It is unlikely that EMS personnel in the United States will have to care for a patient with MVD during routine operations. However, an outbreak elsewhere in the world increases the risk of encountering a patient who recently traveled from the affected area and became infected.

Read the [full article](#) and learn more from NETEC.

[CDC Issues Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Advisory on Marburg Virus Disease \(MVD\) Outbreaks](#)

On April 6, 2023, the CDC issued a [HAN Health Advisory](#) regarding two confirmed outbreaks of MVD - one in Equatorial Guinea and one in Tanzania. Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that these two outbreaks are related; most experts agree that these represent two independent animal-to-human spillover events. To date, no confirmed cases of MVD related to these outbreaks have been reported in the United States or other countries outside Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania. The CDC health advisory provides information about these outbreaks to increase awareness of the risk of imported cases in the United States. It also summarizes CDC's recommendations for case identification, testing, and clinical laboratory biosafety considerations in the United States.

BURN SURGE & MEDICAL SURGE UPDATES

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May 9 Training Spots Available- Virtual BSF Training 2023 Training

Online BSF Training 2023

Training will be offered on the following dates and will run from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

- 2023 Training Dates:
 - May 9, 2023
 - August 8, 2023
 - November 14, 2023

Participants will also need complete ABLS Online before the Burn Surge Facility Training online course and send your completion certificate to Sarah Parviz (separviz@med.umich.edu).

After returning the attached registration form, you will receive the following:

1. A ZOOM link for training day presentations
2. Instructions to access for ABLS Online.

Thank you for your continuing dedication to mass casualty burn care. Please feel free to contact Sarah Parviz (separviz@med.umich.edu) with any questions or concerns.

[2023 Burn Surge Training Course Registration Form v.2.pdf](#)

VOLUNTEERS AND MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER REGISTRY UPDATES

April is Global Volunteer Month

We have a special opportunity to celebrate with the Michigan Volunteer Registry volunteers. Would you like to join in some baseball fun? Please complete this short survey to express your interest: <https://forms.office.com/g/WBU16hf6nU>.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

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CYBERSECURITY

HHS Partners with the Private Sector to Enhance Cybersecurity across Health Systems and Address Future Vulnerabilities

On March 8, HHS, through ASPR, released a [cybersecurity implementation](#) guide to help the public and private health care sectors prevent cybersecurity incidents. The Cybersecurity Framework Implementation Guide provides specific steps that health care organizations can take immediately to manage cyber risks to their information technology systems.

“Cyber incidents pose risks to patient data, intellectual property, scientific or laboratory research, medical manufacturing, and ultimately the ability of health care organizations to safely serve their patients,” said HHS Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm. “The release of this guide will help health care organizations become better equipped to assess and improve their cybersecurity.”

Read the full [press release](#) and learn more on ASPR's website.

Health Sector Coordinating Council Releases Free " Cybersecurity for the Clinician" Video Training Series

The Health Sector Coordinating Council released today a free cybersecurity training video series titled [“Cybersecurity for the Clinician”](#). This impactful series explains in easy, non-technical language the basics for how cyber-attacks can affect clinical operations and patient safety, and how clinicians can do their part to help keep healthcare data, systems and patients safe from cyber threats without losing time away from patients.

The eight-episode series, totaling about 45 minutes, offers one CME/CEU credit hour. The series may also satisfy documentation requirements of the CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule, the National Fire Protection Association and The

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Joint Commission for facility Hazard Vulnerability Analysis and Risk Analysis and Training. It is intended for private clinical practices, health provider institutions of all types and sizes, academic institutions, and healthcare support functions.

To view an introduction of this series, please see this video promotion:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awIJ8kSP-Ak>.

HC3 Alert: Electronic Medical Records Still a Top Target for Cyber Threat Actors

In Q1 of 2023, HC3 observed a continuation of many ongoing trends with regards to cyber threats to the Healthcare and Public Health community. Ransomware attacks, data breaches and often both together continued to be prevalent in attacks against the health sector. Ransomware operators continued to evolve their techniques and weapons for increasing extortion pressure and maximizing their payday. Vulnerabilities in software and hardware platforms, some ubiquitous and some specific to healthcare, continued to keep the attack surface of healthcare organizations open. Managed service provider compromise continued to be a significant threat to the health sector, as did supply chain compromise. Review [the Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center \(HC3\) Sector Alert](#) for more detail.

HC3 Alert: KillNet Analyst Note

Pro-Russia hacktivist group, KillNet, has actively targeted the United States health and public health (HPH) sector since December 2022. Their signature distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks on critical infrastructure sectors typically only cause service outages lasting several hours or even days. However, the range of consequences from these attacks on the HPH sector can be significant, threatening routine to critical day-to-day operations. An examination of the group's cyber offensive from December 2022 to March 2023 provides insight into how and why they target the healthcare industry, and recommendations for how

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HPH organizations can better protect themselves. Review [the Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center \(HC3\) Sector Alert for](#) more detail.

SUPPLY CHAIN

Medical Supply Chain Virtual Series – April 18, 2023

This series will provide an outline of various supply chain topics and include lesson learned and steps forward following the COVID-19 response. The series started March 21, 2023, and continues the 3rd Tuesday of every month through August. The agenda for the series is below. These are virtual presentations for healthcare providers throughout Michigan. Registration is available on MITRAIN: <https://www.train.org/mi-train/welcome> Course ID # 1108310. Please share this near and wide with HCC members.

[Medical Supply Chain Virtual Series Save the Date.pdf](#)
[Supply Chain Webinar Agenda \(8\).pdf](#)

Supply Chain Webinar Recordings

All supply chain webinar records for 2023 can be found here: <https://www.train.org/main/course/1110025/compilation>. As additional webinars are completed, they will be added to this link. Please share as appropriate with regional HCC partners.

RESOURCES / RESEARCH / OTHER

C. auris Webinar Recording Now Available

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The MDHHS Surveillance for Healthcare-Associated and Resistant Pathogens (SHARP) Unit is pleased to announce that the Candida auris and Patient Management webinar is now available online.

If you were not able to join the [webinar](#) live last month, you can now view the [presentation slides](#), [webinar](#) and discussion at Michigan.gov/HAI.

Inclusivity Is Key for Emergency Planning and Response

Previous disasters have shown that certain groups of people face greater risk during and after disasters. This includes those who may have difficulty accessing or receiving standard resources before, during, or after an emergency. Understanding the barriers that exist and how you can support the resilience of the [whole community](#) can help save lives during an emergency. The CDC has provided information and resources [here](#) for consideration as plans, training and exercise are organized and completed.

Ensuring Health Care Quality in Rural America

The values of rural America mirror those of health care quality: people first. The challenge of delivering equitable, effective care is particularly acute in rural areas, where residents face unique barriers to accessing these services. Despite comprising 97% of the country's land area and 60 million people, most rural communities have fewer health-related resources than their urban counterparts. The limited availability of health care providers, transportation barriers and geographic isolation make it difficult for some individuals and families in rural communities to access the care they need, resulting in significant health disparities as well as overall challenges to clinical quality.

The American Hospital Association recognizes the unique challenges faced by rural communities in accessing high-quality health care and continues to provide support to address these challenges.

Read the [full article](#) on their website.

Prioritizing Disability Inclusion in Emergency Planning

In January 2019, [Winter Storm Harper](#) hit Rhode Island, causing a low-pressure gas pipeline condition to [interrupt natural gas heating](#) to over 7,100 residents on Aquidneck Island during record cold temperatures. Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo declared a [state of emergency for Newport County](#) and opened heating centers for affected residents.

Newport County, located along the southern coast of Rhode Island, is home to approximately 82,000 residents. With a high proportion of elderly individuals—comprising around 24% of the total population—disaster preparedness and response measures are crucial. The aging population has implications for healthcare and social services, with increased demand for senior care facilities and programs that support the needs of the elderly during emergencies. What's more, around 12% of the population in Newport County is reported to have a disability, further highlighting the need for accessible disaster response plans and accommodations.

Read the [full story](#) from the Association for State and Territorial Health Officials online.

American Hospital Association (AHA) Blog: Strengthening Crisis Management in Rural Health Care

Health care leaders can develop “specific competencies and skills that can contribute to effective crisis management,” write Helena Bonfitto and Benjamin Wise, senior program managers for AHA Funded Partnerships. The blog highlights key takeaways on strengthening crisis management, as discussed at the AHA Rural Health Care Leadership Conference in February, including powerful lessons from two health care leaders who described their organizations’ experiences responding to the May 2022 mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Read the [full blog post](#) from the AHA online.

IMPORTANT DATES

Calendar of Events and Deadlines

Check back frequently for opportunities in and around Region 7.

For a more detailed list of events, deadlines, and regional information, please see our [Event Listings](#).

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Ham Citizens Corp	Hospital Reporting 1	Jam Biweekly SNF Off		
			LTC Data Reporting 1	Jam CDC Hosts Nation		
			Jam Bi Weekly Hosp			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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			LTC Data Reporting 1			
			Ham Behavioral Health			
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			Hospital Reporting 1	Jam Biweekly SNF Off		
			Jam CDC Hosts Nation			
25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
		Ham R7 Analysis Work	Hospital Reporting 1	Jam CDC Hosts Nation		
		Jam Hospital ED Pediat	LTC Data Reporting 1			
		Jam Special EICIC Train	Ham Planning Board Mtg			

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All important dates can be found on the calendar on the Region 7 website. You can add or print these items directly from our calendar.

www.miregion7.com/events

The Region 7 HCC Events Calendar is subject to change. Please keep an eye open for any updates to calendar invites or check back on our website or email us for the current schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING

Please click any of the links below to learn more.

[2023 Human Trafficking Virtual Progressive Series Registration is Live in MI-TRAIN – April 18, 2023](#)

National Advisory Committee on Individuals with Disabilities and Disasters (NACIDD) -- Thursday, April 20, 2023

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