



## The Express

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As we rang in the New Year, the [ASPR TRACIE](#) team took a moment to reflect upon our wonderful partnership with our stakeholders, subscribers, and Subject Matter Expert Cadre members. Thank you for your dedication to your communities and for making our jobs easier. We wish all of you a healthy, prosperous 2017.

We continue to strive to bring you the information you need to prepare our nation's healthcare system for any type of challenge. This Express includes updates and information on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Emergency Preparedness (EP) Rule and recent ASPR TRACIE publications and domain updates.

### **Register Now for the 1/11 ASPR TRACIE Webinar on 2017-2022 Capabilities**

It's not too late to register for the January 11 ASPR TRACIE webinar [Learning More About the 2017-2022 Healthcare Preparedness and Response Capabilities](#). This webinar will take place from 2:30-3:30 p.m. EST; speakers will discuss how the capabilities have evolved over time and what they mean for healthcare facilities.

Is there a topic you would like to see covered in a future webinar? [Let us know!](#)

### **CMS EP Rule Updates**

As you know, CMS recently issued the [Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers Final Rule](#). ASPR TRACIE is working closely with CMS to provide technical assistance and share resources and promising practices. We recently updated the [CMS EP Rule: Resources at Your Fingertips](#) document, which includes links to key resources, such as CMS' third round of [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#) that synthesizes answers to commonly asked

inquiries about the CMS EP Rule. For more information, access the [ASPR TRACIE page dedicated to CMS Resources](#).

## New ASPR TRACIE Publications

Check out ASPR TRACIE's newest fact sheet [The SOFA Score: What it is and How to Use it in Triage](#)! This resource includes an overview of the score, how it is calculated, and how it can be used in triage situations.

Did you miss [Issue 3 of The Exchange](#)? It focused on healthcare facility preparedness for—and response to—no-notice events, both within and outside of healthcare facilities. Our next issue will highlight disaster behavioral health and responder and community resilience. What strategies have you incorporated to harden your healthcare facilities? We want to hear from you. Please [email us your input](#) (including tips, plans, and templates) to be considered as a future ASPR TRACIE resource.

## Domain Updates



There are currently 41 comprehensively developed Topic Collections in the [Technical Resources](#) domain, including the most recently released [Alternate Care Sites](#) collection. Coming soon: Utility Outages. Follow [this link](#) to access all comprehensively developed collections. Don't forget to [log in](#) and rate and comment on resources in Topic Collections or the Resource Library!



The [Assistance Center](#) has processed more than 1070 TTA requests from a variety of stakeholders (including more than 170 related to the CMS EP Rule). We maintain [a summary of many of the TTA requests received](#), listed alphabetically. We encourage you to [reach out](#) if you need assistance.



Did you know you can access [ASPR TRACIE webinars](#) on the [Information Exchange](#) (IE) domain? Join more than 2200 of your colleagues in the IE and check out the latest threads on [active shooter response and employee preparedness programs](#) and [medical countermeasures](#). [Register for the IE now](#) to join the conversation or learn more about setting up private topic areas. Need help navigating the IE? Check out this quick [how-to video](#)!



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