



## The Express

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In many areas, school is out, the temperatures are climbing, and it feels like summer is right around the corner. Forecasters from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are predicting an [above-normal hurricane season](#), and many of our subscribers are still recovering from significant spring flooding. [ASPR TRACIE](#) has published several resources that can help healthcare entities better prepare for and respond to these types of events. [Hurricane Resources at Your Fingertips](#) features lessons learned by the medical and emergency management fields and different types of facilities. [After the Flood: Mold-Specific Resources](#) includes information on cleaning up after floods and preventing, identifying, and getting rid of mold. Our [Natural Disasters Topic Collection](#) includes sections on hurricanes and flooding events.

**Check back often—we will be releasing new resources all summer!**

This issue of The Express includes: updates and information on the CMS EP rule; the most recent information related to the WannaCry cyberattacks; information on upcoming webinars and recently published recordings; and highlights from each of the ASPR TRACIE domains.

### **CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule Updates**

**Newly Released:** [CMS Interpretive Guidance](#). CMS released an Advanced Copy of the final interpretive guidelines and survey procedures that support the adoption of a standard all-hazards emergency preparedness program for all certified providers and suppliers. The final CMS guidance will be incorporated in the State Operations Manual (SOM) within the next several weeks. This guidance also addresses the unique differences of other providers and suppliers.

The updated [ASPR TRACIE CMS EP Rule: Resources at Your Fingertips](#) document includes links to resources applicable to a variety of providers and suppliers.

#### *Other Rule-Related Publications*

The Yale New Haven Health System Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response recently updated their [CMS EP Rule Crosswalk](#) which maps the association between the CMS EP Rule Conditions of Participation and existing regulatory and accreditation standards.

#### **WannaCry Updates**

May was a very busy month for many of our stakeholders as healthcare facilities around the nation and globe became aware of “WannaCry,” ransomware used in an international, e-mail-based cyberattack. Access the most current guidance from the HHS Critical Infrastructure Protection program for safeguarding systems and reporting and responding to attacks [here](#).

#### **ASPR TRACIE Webinars**

Recent shortages of multiple medications frequently used in the care of critically ill patients have challenged hospitals and EMS systems. On June 8, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials ([ASTHO](#)) and ASPR TRACIE hosted [Clinicians and Coalitions: A Conversation about Finding Solutions for Medication Shortages](#), a webinar featuring practitioners and speakers from state public health, ASPR, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sharing strategies that can be employed to address these pharmaceutical shortfalls.

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, ASPR TRACIE and the National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC) hosted a webinar on [Highly Pathogenic Infectious Disease Exercise Planning for Frontline Facilities](#). Tailored for participants from Frontline Facilities (e.g., acute care hospitals and other emergency care settings, such as urgent care clinics and critical access hospitals) that have *not* been designated as Ebola Treatment Centers or Assessment Hospitals, this webinar featured NETEC’s suite of free, fully customizable, Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)-compliant exercise materials.

## Register Now! EMS and Infectious Diseases: Challenges and Resources for Provider Protection.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2:00-3:00 ET, ASPR TRACIE is hosting this webinar to introduce the EMS Infectious Disease Playbook, a one-stop information source to guide the transport of patients known or suspected of having an infectious disease. Drs. John Hick and Alex Isakov will describe why and how the Playbook was developed, walk webinar participants through the content, and share their perspectives on how webinar participants can use the Playbook in their daily practice. They will then discuss the current challenges the EMS community faces related to infectious diseases and participate in a question and answer session with webinar participants. [Click here to register for this webinar.](#)

### Domain Updates



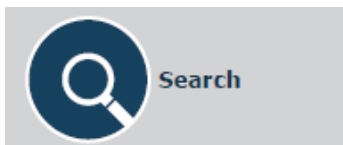
There are currently 44 comprehensively developed Topic Collections in the [Technical Resources](#) domain, including the most recently released collection on [Information Sharing](#). Be on the lookout for our next collection which features resources dedicated to issues specific to facilities in rural and tribal areas. Follow [this link](#) to access all comprehensively developed collections.



The [Assistance Center](#) has processed more than 1,800 TTA requests from a variety of stakeholders (including more than 425 related to the CMS EP Rule). We maintain [a summary of many of the TA requests received](#), listed alphabetically. We encourage you to [reach out](#) if you need assistance.



Join more than 3,000 of your colleagues in the [Information Exchange](#) and check out the [full redacted versions of ASPR TRACIE's responses to select TA requests](#) and [ASPR TRACIE webinars](#). [Register 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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