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The spring season is traditionally accompanied by promises of newness and rejuvenation. But for many of our stakeholders, it also marks a time of unpredictable and sometimes damaging storms, and serves as a reminder to refresh plans and forecast trainings and exercises. [ASPR TRACIE](#) can help you during this time by providing timely and useful resources — from exercise templates and tips on how to retain and care for staff after a disaster, to understanding the new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Emergency Preparedness (EP) Rule.

This issue of The Express includes information on upcoming webinars, and updates and information on the CMS EP Rule and ASPR TRACIE domains.

### **Register Now for the May 24<sup>th</sup> ASPR TRACIE-NETEC Highly Pathogenic Infectious Disease Exercise Planning for Frontline Facilities Webinar**

The joint ASPR TRACIE-National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC) [Highly Pathogenic Infectious Disease Exercise Planning for Frontline Facilities webinar](#) is 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 is the second webinar in a series that features NETEC's suite of free, fully customizable, Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)-compliant exercise materials. This webinar will take place **May 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET. [REGISTER HERE TODAY](#)**, because space is limited.

### **CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule Update**

Due to the large number of speaking requests CMS has received regarding the final EP Rule, they are offering an additional learning session through the Medicare Learning Network. During this session, CMS will provide an overview of the final rule and steps facilities can take to meet the training and testing requirements by the implementation date of November 15, 2017. This session is scheduled for **April 27th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. ET**. To register or for more information, visit [MLN Connects Event Registration](#).

CMS is hosting an additional webinar focused on the emergency preparedness requirements for Tribal Healthcare professionals and community leaders on **May 18th from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET**. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Don't forget to check out the updated [ASPR TRACIE CMS EP Rule: Resources at Your Fingertips](#) document, where you can find links to resources applicable to a variety of providers and suppliers. Also, 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.

## Domain Updates



There are currently 43 comprehensively developed Topic Collections in the [Technical Resources](#) domain, including the most recently released [Patient Movement and Tracking](#). Our next collection will feature resources dedicated to Information Sharing. Follow [this link](#) to access all comprehensively developed collections. ASPR TRACIE also worked with the Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP) to develop a fact sheet of related data collected and analyzed following the [Louisiana Floods](#). Other EPAP fact sheets can be found [here](#).



The [Assistance Center](#) has processed more than 1,450 TTA requests from a variety of stakeholders (including more than 250 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 2,660 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](#)



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