



## ASPR TRACIE Celebrates First Anniversary!

September 2016

As another National Preparedness Month winds down, so too does [ASPR TRACIE](#)'s first year of service to our stakeholders. This special edition of *The Express* serves as a *virtual thank you card* to our fantastic and supportive stakeholders, customers, subscribers, topic collection contributors, and subject matter expert (SME) Cadre members. Together, in 12 short months, we have advanced our nation's healthcare preparedness activities and laid a solid foundation for technical assistance across the entire health preparedness community to close healthcare system knowledge gaps at all levels.

### **An Anniversary Message from Dr. Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response**

Happy first anniversary to our subscribers, SME Cadre, and the ASPR TRACIE Team! You told ASPR that while finding information is easy, finding the right information can be a lot harder. You wanted a one-stop shop where you could find vetted resources, request technical assistance, and share resources with your colleagues in a safe environment. As I state [in this anniversary message](#), ASPR used your feedback to create a system that, I hope, meets your needs and exceeds your expectations. I encourage you to stay with us as we continue to grow!

### **A Year in Review: Stakeholders' Perspectives**

In [this short video](#), users share their positive experiences working with ASPR TRACIE. Have your own story to tell? [Email us](#) for directions!

## A Year in Review: The Project Team Perspective

Every month, we update this infographic to show our tremendous progress in each domain (TR, AC, and IE). Without our partners and stakeholders, ASPR TRACIE would not be the success it is today. Find out more about the collaborative evolution of ASPR TRACIE in this [brief anniversary video](#).

## New ASPR TRACIE Resources

In anticipation of the release of the [Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers](#), ASPR TRACIE developed a [dedicated CMS Resources page](#) with links to resources that can help you start or update your planning process. We will work closely with CMS to update the page and support technical assistance requests, such as [this request received from a healthcare coalition](#) and the related [at-a-glance chart developed by CMS](#). This rule provides healthcare coalitions a tremendous opportunity to strengthen relationships and leverage a broader group of personnel and resources to provide for the medical needs of the whole community during a disaster. And if you haven't already, enroll TODAY for the [Medicare Learning Network National Call on Wednesday, October 5 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM Eastern Time](#) to discuss implementation of the new Emergency Preparedness Rule.

## Domain Updates



There are currently 38 complete Topic Collections in the [Technical Resources](#) domain. ASPR TRACIE just released the comprehensively developed [Exercise Topic Collection](#). Coming soon: Zika, Ambulatory Care, and Alternate Care Sites. 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 nearly 800 TTA requests from a variety of stakeholders, and recently released examples of [state and local alternate care site plans](#) and sample [hospital cybersecurity and cyberattack prevention plans and templates](#) in response to requests. We maintain [a summary of many of the TTA requests received](#) and we encourage you to [reach out](#) if you need assistance.



Have you visited the [Information Exchange](#) (IE) domain lately? Join nearly 1800 of your colleagues in the IE and check out the latest threads: [pediatric reunification](#) and [presentations and discussion from the ASPR Medical Countermeasure Summits](#). [Register for the IE now](#) to join the conversation. Need help navigating the IE? Check out this quick [how-to video](#)!

### Upcoming Events

Registration is now open for the [National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference](#) (NHCCPC) in Washington, DC on December 13-14, 2016. Join us for the joint ASPR TRACIE-CMS presentation on Wednesday, December 14 discussing the new CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule.

Also, the [National Pediatric Disaster Coalition](#) (NPDC) has joined with NHCCPC this year and will be providing pediatric-specific presentations and an NPDC "meet and greet session" scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Interested in joining the NPDC? [This letter](#) provides more information.

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

Again, we salute the stakeholders, customers, SMEs, and partners behind our success. We sincerely appreciate your dedication to keeping our nation safe and healthy.

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