



## MCLEAN COUNTY AREA EMS: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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# Quality Improvement & System Updates

## Protocol Updates

**Mclean County Adult Cardiac Protocols** will be updated in December 2023. The changes align with the most current American Heart Association guidelines and recent literature for management of cardiac emergencies. A memo will be sent upon publication. *Changes impact all levels of providers.* All system members should review the updated protocols and submit any protocol questions to the EMS office. Education outlining the specific changes for each protocol will be provided through e-learning in January 2023.

## EMS Legislative News

Sen. Welch, Sen. Sanders and Rep. Balint have introduced legislation in congress to amend the Social Security Act, providing Medicare reimbursement for non-transport services (for patients in which care was provided, but the patient was not transported to the hospital). The legislation is titled, Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement for On-scene Care and Support (EMS ROCS) Act.

*"ambulance service includes such services described in such subparagraph that are furnished on or after January 14, 2025, to an individual by a provider or supplier of ambulance services regardless of whether the provider or supplier provides the transport for the individual at a reimbursement comparable to the transport reimbursement"*

This legislation was supported by the following professional organizations: American Ambulance Association, The International Association of Fire Fighters, and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.



### License Renewal – Volunteer Fee Waiver

License renewals with a volunteer fee waiver must be submitted to the Mclean County Area EMS Office no later than 2 weeks before the license expires. IDPH will not accept fee waivers after this date.



## October Trends:

### Stroke

#### Carle BroMenn Medical Ctr

Patients transported by EMS receiving stroke care: 15

Number of stroke care patients (15) with documented FAST/VAN in field: 8

Number of patients receiving TNKase: 1

Number of patients receiving endovascular intervention: 2

#### OSF St. Joseph Medical Ctr

Patients transported by EMS receiving stroke care: 14

Number of stroke care patients (14) with a diagnosis of "Stroke" or "TIA": 7

### Quality Council Meetings 2024

Wednesday January 27, 2023 from 0930-1030

Wednesday April 24, 2023 from 0930-1030

Wednesday July 31, 2023 from 0930-1030

Wednesday October 30, 2023 from 0930-1030

### Pediatric Resp.

#### Carle BroMenn Medical Ctr

Patients (0-15) transported by EMS w/ respiratory condition: 4

Thorough respiratory assessment documented: 4/4

Medications administered: 1/4

Scene time appropriate: 4/4

#### OSF St. Joseph Medical Ctr

Patients (0-15) transported by EMS w/ respiratory condition: 6

Thorough respiratory assessment documented: 5/6

Medications administered: 3/6

Scene time appropriate: 3/6

### EMS Education

Students from the Heartland Community College EMT-B course travelled to Carlock Fire Protection District to participate in a motor vehicle collision simulation. Students practiced skills such as spinal mobilization and observed extrication techniques. Thank you to Carlock Fire for sharing your resources and expertise with our rising EMS students!

## Message from the System Coordinator

Thank you for choosing to serve your community and make a difference in the lives of others. I admire each one of you for your dedication, compassion, and skill.

I would like to hear back from any agency that is interested in the following:

- 1) **An EMR-EMT Bridge course** - I would like to offer this January. I need a *polling of interested agencies/personnel to determine the location and feasibility of putting another one on.*
- 2) **An AEMT course** - I have spoken with several BLS agencies that have expressed interest in training personnel at the AEMT level. This course is currently not accredited and therefore can be taught in the community. It would be approximately 200 hours of education (made up of didactic, clinical, and ride time). *Any currently licensed ILS or ALS provider who would be interested in teaching a pilot AEMT course in the county.*

Please shoot me an email with any interest or feedback regarding the above poll.

I appreciate the difficulties that everyone in our system has faced in the last few years in getting personnel. Despite the challenges, I thank you for always putting the patients first. I wish all of you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season.



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