



## Meeting Notice

The New York State Department of Health has announced that the following meetings have been scheduled: These meetings will be conducted in person. The meetings will be held in the Ferris Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY.

**Wednesday February 26, 2025** – The New York State Emergency Medical Services Council and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee will hold sub-committee meetings as follows:

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Finance
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Education and Training
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Legislative and Regulations
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Systems
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	LUNCH
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Safety
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Quality Metrics
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	EMS Innovations and Research

**Thursday February 27, 2025** – The New York State Emergency Medical Services Council and State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee will hold the following meetings:

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Medical Standards and Protocols
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Executive
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	SEMAC
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	SEMSCO

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**Mark your calendars for the upcoming 2025 Council Meetings.**

- May 6 and 7, 2025- Gideon Putnam, Saratoga
- September 9 and 10, 2025- Troy Hilton Garden Inn
- December 9 and 10, 2025- Troy Hilton Garden Inn



## **AGENDA**

**Finance Subcommittee  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
8:00 am – 9:00 am  
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call meeting to order
2. Record Attendance
3. Continued discussion of data on hospital offload delays
  - a. Data analysis from NYS DOH on-Line reports filed by EMS Agencies
  - b. Data analysis on information from NYS E-PCR database
  - c. Discuss any data from regional initiatives
  - d. Request Made to See PHHPC Report from 2023 Meetings with Representatives of SEMAC, SEMSCO, and the Public Health and Hospital Planning Council
4. Course Sponsor fiscal sustainability
  - a. Update on the Spending of Training Funds During Fiscal Year 2024-2025 That Ends March 31, 2025
  - b. Survey to Collect Data on Payment for Paramedic Education from Recent and Current Paramedic Students – Goal of Discussion: “How do we determine need and get funding to students who need it”
5. Update on availability of recruitment and retention funds budgeted for Program Agencies
  - a. Regional Recruitment and Retention Allocations (\$15,000)
  - b. Regional Paramedic Scholarship/Tuition Support Allocations (\$20,000)
6. EMS agency sustainability
  - a. Update on SEMSCO Request to Commissioner of Health for NYS Budget to Include EMS in the Health Care Stability Fund Resulting from the Managed Care Organization Tax (PHL 2807-FF)
  - b. Update on Closing the Medicaid Payment Gap
7. State budget recommendations
  - a. “Aid to Localities-Special Revenue” includes payments for EMS training and education, contracted program agencies, and Regional EMS Councils (REMSCO’s).
    - i. Spending YTD in the current 2024-2025 budget
    - ii. Level of Funding Proposed in the SFY 2025-2026 Executive Budget for Training, Program Agencies, and REMSCO’s
    - iii. Planning for the Development of SFY 2026-2027 Budget Recommendations (to be submitted to DOH in September 2025)
8. Update on Federal EMS funding
  - a. The current Medicare “add-on” payments expire March 31, 2025. Extending these payments for an additional three years will allow enough time for the Ground Ambulance Data Collection System (GADCS) cost collection data to be gathered and analyzed so that an informed, long-term solution to the chronic underfunding of the ambulance fee schedule can be adopted. Without the extension of these ground ambulance “add-ons,” urban ambulance services will



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receive a 2% cut, rural ambulance services will receive a 3% cut, and super rural ambulance services will receive a 22.6% cut.

- b. Preliminary data has been released on the GADCS
  - i. Webinar: What we learned from the first CMS Ambulance Cost Report <https://www.pwwmedia.com/gadcs-handouts>
9. Update on Data on Boards of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) EMS Courses (joint discussion with education subcommittee)
10. Continued Discussion of Opportunities to Maximize the Use of NYS Division of Emergency Medical Service Recruitment and Retention Funding
11. New Business
12. Adjournment



## **AGENDA**

**Education and Training Subcommittee  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
9:15 am – 10:15 am  
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call meeting to order
2. Record attendance
3. NY EMS staff report
  - a. Greenberg- Chesney, Lockwood
4. Old business
  - a. PSI updates-format for retrieving exam scores/vouchering for certification
  - b. "Field Training Officer (FTO)" – micro credentialing- funding.
    - i. Look at "NYS Pilot Leadership Development Program"- policy 23-08b as a model for curriculum and funding- Formation of TAG
  - c. NYS PSE TAG- Paramedic originals- NYS policy released 24-07
    - i. EMT Original "pilot program"- policy forthcoming
  - d. Regional Training plan- TAG status update
  - e. NYS Scope of Practice document- fully embrace national document- NY policy 23-07
    - i. Assuring protocols and exams match scope and education
5. New business
  - a. Provider recert numbers- how are providers recertifying, in what numbers and at what levels- reallocate funding?
    - i. 2024 data requested for comparison to previous years
  - b. Working jointly with Finance Subcommittee- discussions regarding course funding reorientation.
    - i. Balance provider financial needs vs. Course sponsor financial stability- timely payment
      1. Should all courses be purely tuition for all- Course Sponsors whole immediately, reimbursement available to provider via agency "upon certification" or "upon 1 year of service"
      2. Current financial system requires reimbursement to remain "upon certification", not able to do "upon course completion".
      3. Should funding be based on demonstrated financial need rather than the same for all?
      4. Formation of TAG to explore funding models (scholarship / financial aid based on demonstrated need)
    - ii. Course funding
      1. Further increases in course funding dependent on review of impact of previous increases- FY 2025



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2. Remove the restrictions from CFR and EMT class to allow course sponsors to charge tuition as well as get full State Reimbursement- like for AEMT and Paramedic classes? Current NYS Policy 23-09b.
  - a. C. Charging Tuition:
    - i. 1. a) Sponsors may not charge additional tuition for CFR, EMT candidates for whom reimbursement is being sought from the state.
    - ii. 2. Tuition may be charged to cover the cost of training an AEMT or Paramedic student.
  - iii. Combine current course and PSE reimbursement to be one
    1. How does this impact Paramedic Originals enrolled in the "Paramedic Original Portfolio Program- policy 24-07"
  - c. Role of agencies in mentoring newly certified providers- is this divorced from "education"? (medical school vs residency- trade schools vs. apprenticeship analogies)
6. Adjournment



## **AGENDA**

**Legislative and Regulations Subcommittee  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
10:30 am – 11:30 am  
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Record Attendance
3. New York State Executive Budget Part R
4. 2025 EMS Legislation
  - a. A6136B/S6645, Now A34/S31: Provides that the thruway authority shall issue permits for ambulances and fire vehicles for toll exemptions. Assemblyman Eachus/Sen. Comrie
  - b. S4020B An Act to amend the general municipal law and the public health law, in relation to emergency medical services to deem EMS as an essential service. Expect this to be refiled. Sen. Mayer
  - c. S6058, now S1123/A1064. Income Tax Credit Bill -This legislation gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$2500. Sen. Oberacker/Assemblyman Angelino
  - d. A185, now A515- Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$1200; requires such member must be in good standing for a minimum of five years and maintain continued eligibility. Assemblywoman Woerner.
  - e. S3223 Now S3768/A2442- Allows for reimbursement of transportation costs for emergency care without prior authorization by the social services official including emergency medical transportation by an ambulance service certified under article 30 of the public health law; authorizes the commissioner of health to establish a reimbursement methodology to ensure providers are reimbursed. Sen. Sanders/Assemblyman Hevesi
  - f. AB7174, now A1309: An initiative to preserve and extend the community-based paramedicine demonstration program to expire May 2025: Authorizes collaborative programs for community paramedicine services as part of the hospital-home care-physician collaboration program. Assemblywoman Paulin
  - g. S5000/ A.4077 Now S1515: Would remove EMS services from the real property tax cap, allowing local municipalities to expand and support their local EMS services. Sen. May
  - h. S6630/A6274 Now A288: Repeals the provision of law that volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who receive a real property tax exemption for service may not receive the income tax credit for such service. Assemblywoman Barrett.
5. Old Business



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6. New business
7. Adjournment



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## **AGENDA**

**EMS Systems Subcommittee  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
11:45 am – 12:45 pm  
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call to Order
2. Record of Attendance
3. Old Business
  - a. 06-06 update
  - b. Performance standards update
  - c. Other old business
4. New Business
  - a. Future projects
  - b. Other new business
5. Adjournment





**AGENDA**

**EMS Safety Subcommittee  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Record Attendance
3. Old Business
  - a. Management of escalation tactics
    - i. Update
  - b. Policy 00-13 – Operation of Emergency Medical Services Vehicles
    - i. Jim Neary
    - ii. Progress
  - c. Hazardous Response Plan
    - i. Carol
    - ii. Survey
      1. Should be out
      2. Open for 45 days
  - d. Part 800 Reg Update
    - i. Update
  - e. Restraint Policy
    - i. Dr. Isaacs
  - f. Stretcher Operations
    - i. Al Kim
4. New Business
  - a. Plan for 2025
5. Adjournment



## **AGENDA**

**Quality Metrics Subcommittee  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm  
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call to Order
2. Record of attendance
3. Activity Report
  - a. Webpage update NEMSQA Measures Update
  - b. Regulations update
    - i. Policy TAG for 12-02, 12-03 and 21-04
    - ii. QI Regulations
  - c. Data quality and access issues / Data Integrity TAG
    - i. Annual NYS report around our measures.
    - ii. Image Trend Reports in the state elite site.
  - d. Grants update
    - i. Infrastructure development
      1. Assessing high-performing States through National organizations.
  - e. Quality Improvement Education Rollout
  - f. Providing guidance for State Inspections
4. New Business
5. Old Business
6. Adjournment



## **AGENDA**

**EMS Innovations and Research Subcommittee  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call to Order
2. Record Attendance
3. Innovations Workgroup reports and discussion
  - a. Behavioral Health Care Collaboration for Crisis Stabilization Centers
  - b. Research Committee
  - c. Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedicine
  - d. Essential services
4. SEMSCO/Wadsworth collaboration
5. Open forum
6. Adjournment



## **AGENDA**

**Protocol / Medical Standards Subcommittee  
Thursday, February 27, 2025  
8:00 am – 10:00 am  
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call meeting to order – Chair Dr. Jeff Rabrich, DO
2. Record Attendance
3. Old Business
  - a. Clinical Data Integrity TAG
  - b. Blood implementation
4. New Business
  - a. NYC protocols
    - i. Altered mental status
    - ii. General Operating Procedures and Protocols for FDNY Haz-Tac EMT's and Paramedics
    - iii. Alternative treatment/ alternative transport destination decisions
5. Adjournment



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## AGENDA

**New York State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC)  
Thursday, February 27, 2025  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call to Order: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
2. Opening Comments: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
4. Approval of 12/4/2024 Meeting Minutes: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
5. Bureau Staff Report: Ryan P. Greenberg, Director
6. Reports of Standing Subcommittees:
  1. Education: Donald Hudson
  2. Medical Standards/Protocol: Dr. Jeff Rabrich, DO
7. Old Business:
  1. EMS wait times
  2. New York State Medical Director
8. New Business:
9. Announcements: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair
10. Adjournment: Donald Doynow, M.D., Chair



## **AGENDA**

### **New York State Emergency Medical Services Council (SEMSCO)**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:30 pm**

**Ferris Ballroom**

1. Call to order by David Violante, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Accept minutes of 12/4/2024
5. Correspondence
6. Chairman's Report
7. First Vice Chairman's Report
8. Second Vice Chairman's Report
9. EMS Staff Report – Ryan Greenberg
10. SEMAC Chair Report
11. Committee Reports
  - Executive
  - Medical Standards/Protocols
  - Education & Training
  - Finance
  - EMS Systems
  - Legislative
  - Safety
  - Quality Metrics
  - EMS Innovations and Research
  - DEI TAG
  - EMS-C Advisory Committee Update
  - State Trauma Committee Update
12. Old Business
13. New Business
  - a. Update on the Rural Taskforce
14. Adjournment