

**Emergency Medical Services and Medical Surge: Essential Legal Issues
Webinar
May 20, 2015
2:00 to 3:30 p.m. (EDT)**

To facilitate the sharing of key research and analysis on the legal issues impacting emergency medical services (EMS) providers during medical surge or public health emergencies, a 90-minute Webinar will be hosted by Oak Ridge Associated Universities in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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NOTE

Due to a limited number of call-in lines and in order to accommodate the maximum number of EMS, public health, public health law, hospital leaders; and healthcare coalition representatives, we respectfully request that agencies, organizations, and professional affiliations participate as a group whenever possible.

Target Audiences

This webinar is intended for the following audiences:

- EMS
 - Agencies/Personnel
 - Advisory Committees/Boards
 - Policy/Regulatory Agencies
 - Professional Organizations/Associations
- Hospital Leaders
- Public Health
 - Agencies
 - Lawyers
 - Policy-makers
- Healthcare Coalitions

Webinar Objectives

1. Introduce and explain key legal issues for EMS providers and others related to medical surge.
2. Provide potential legal solutions to eliminate potential barriers during public health emergencies.

Webinar Scope

The Webinar will

1. Provide an opportunity for EMS agencies, personnel, advisory groups, and professional organizations; public health agencies and public health lawyers; and healthcare coalitions to learn and ask about core legal issues surrounding expanded roles for EMS in public health emergencies.
2. Feature research and analysis of legal issues impacting EMS providers and others during medical surge. The purpose is to assist communities to navigate relevant laws and policies related to public health emergencies.
3. Explore the following core legal issues for EMS providers:
 - Emergency, disaster, or public health emergency authorities
 - Use of protocols to authorize specific actions among EMS providers
 - Licensing reciprocity of EMS providers
 - Modifying scopes of practice for emergency medical technicians and paramedics
 - State equivalents or extensions of requirements pursuant to the Emergency Medical Treatment And Labor Act concerning screening and treatment at non-hospital sites
 - Legal accountability for EMS providers
 - Liability protections of EMS providers and partners
 - Reimbursement to EMS providers for patient transport to alternate sites
4. Provide information about tools and resources intended to provide guidance for state and community planners to coordinate EMS-system capacity during public health emergencies.

Significant time will be provided for webinar participants to ask questions immediately following the presentation.

Questions

If you have any questions concerning the EMS Essential Legal Issues Webinar, please contact:

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