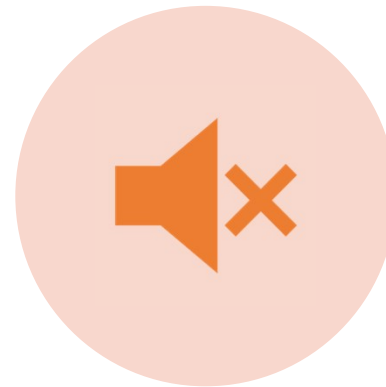


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# Georgia OEMST Update – Operations Update

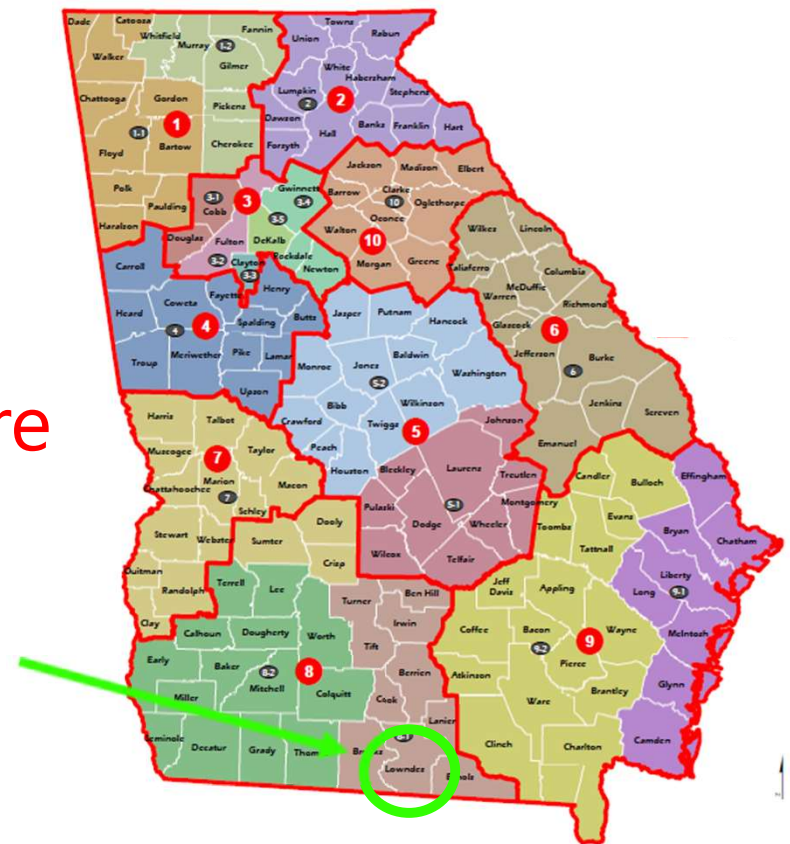
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# NEW Designated Cardiac Hospital

**SGMC Health**

Valdosta, GA (Lowndes County)

Level 1 Emergency Cardiac Care  
Center



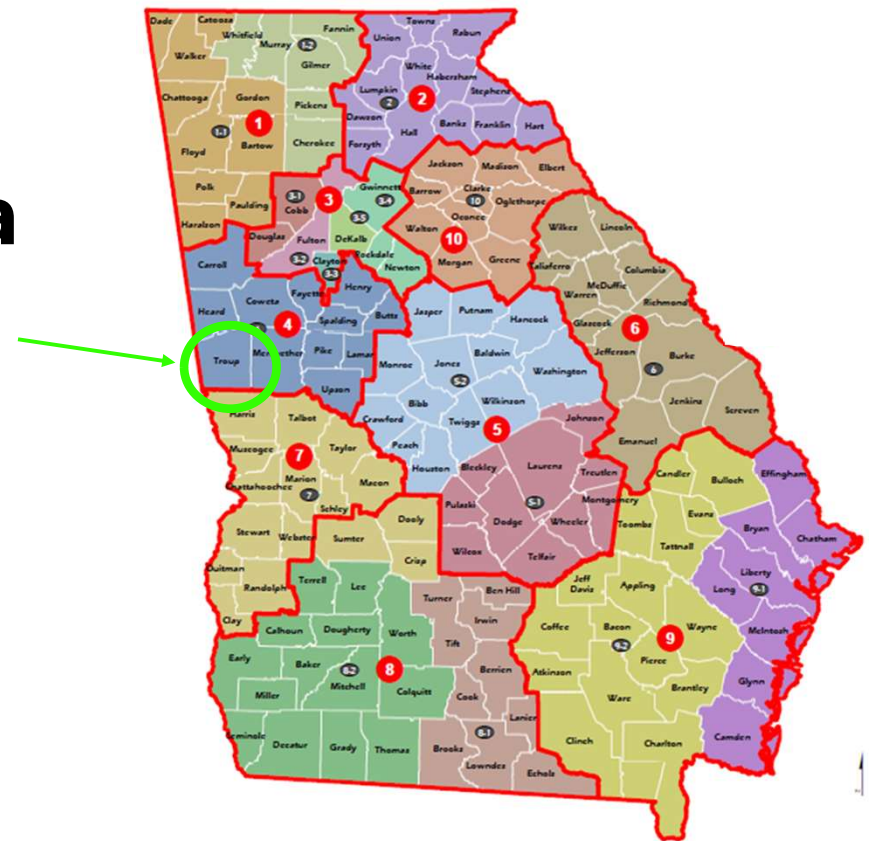
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# NEW Designated **Stroke** Hospital

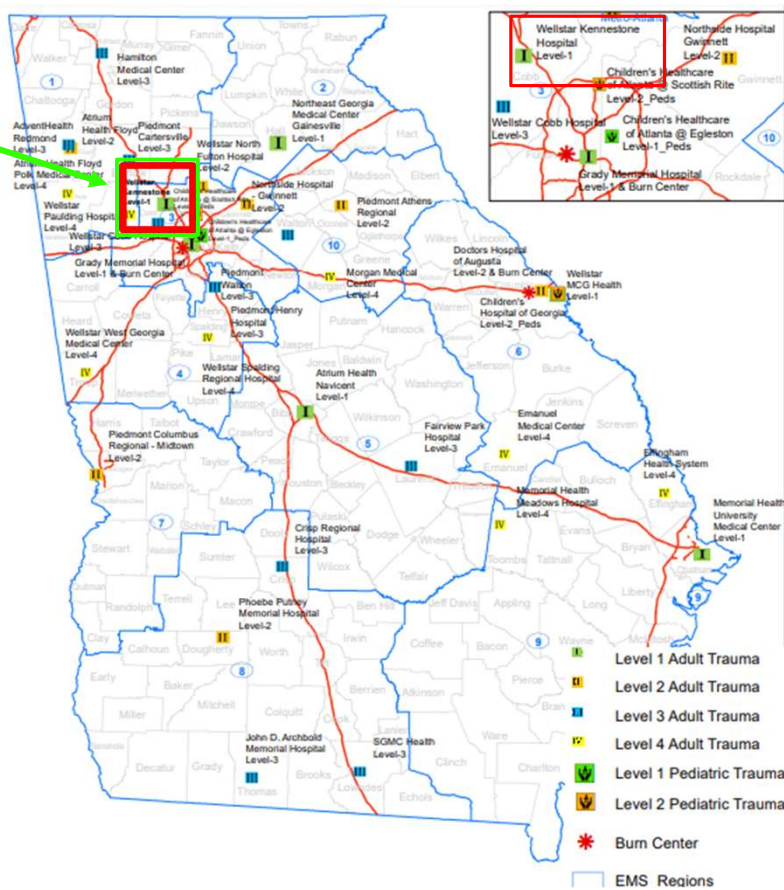
## **WellStar West Georgia Medical Center**

LaGrange, GA (Troup County)

**Primary Stroke Center**



# Upgraded Designation **Level I Trauma Center**



**WellStar Kennestone  
Hospital**  
Marietta, GA (Cobb County)  
**Level I Trauma Center**

# Rule Changes Update

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- Making modification to proposed Rule changes for clarity.
- Adding in Critical Care licensure

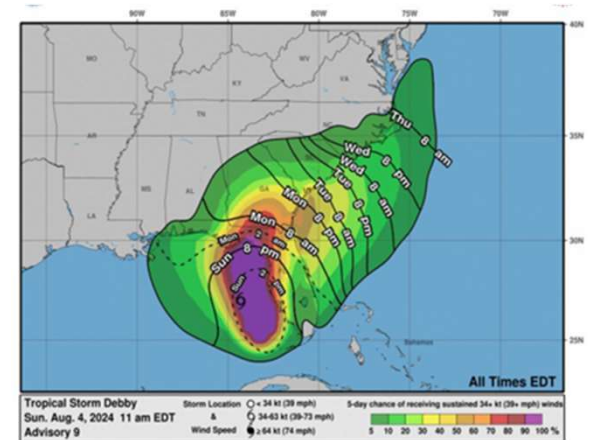
Will be distributed and reposted for public comment when changes finalized.

# Emergency Preparedness

Peki Prince

# Hurricane Debby

- On Saturday August 3, 2024, Governor Kemp signed a State of Emergency for all 159 counties.
- The State Operations Center:
  - Sunday - 8/4/24
    - Level 1 - Full Activation**
  - Friday - 8/9/24
    - LEVEL 2 – PARTIAL ACTIVATION**





# Hurricane Debby

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- State Level: Medical Transportation Group activated at the SOC
  - Impacted Regions: Communications with Regional Directors, Local EMA's, Public Health Districts and Healthcare Coalitions.
    - Unmet needs
    - Damages/Injuries/Fatalities
    - Activities
      - Patient movement, Swift Waters Teams, Shelters
- Services interested in assisting the state in future declared State of Emergency operations, please contact your Regional Director for a copy of the GEMA contract.

# EMS Personnel License Renewal

# Personnel License Renewal (1,412)

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EMT, EMT-I, AEMT, CT, Paramedic

**Late Georgia Medic Renewal** application available until **September 30, 2024.**

- Continuing Education (CE) must be entered into Education Report into LMS
- Must upload BCLS and ACLS (if applicable) cards inside the renewal application
- License renewal fee, \$75.00, Late fee, \$75.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

| Applications   | Action                    |
|--|---------------------------|
| <p><b>LATE Georgia Medic Renewal</b></p> <p>This is the LATE medic renewal license for all medics (EMT, EMT-I, AEMT, CT, Paramedic) in Georgia. The late renewal phase = 6 months post-license expiration. The Late Renewal fee is \$75.00 in addition to the license renewal fee.</p> | <a href="#">Apply Now</a> |

# Personnel License Renewal FAQs

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## Required Capnography Training for AEMTs:

- Must be completed in TRAIN.org/Georgia
- Can not be uploaded by Medic to Education Report
- GA OEMS ID Number not correct GA EMS License number
- TRAIN education imported daily to LMS
- [train-georgia@dph.ga.gov](mailto:train-georgia@dph.ga.gov)

## Where can I get approved Continuing Ed/Free Training

- TRAIN Georgia! ([www.train.org/Georgia](http://www.train.org/Georgia))



# EMT-Responder License Renewal (164) (9/30/2024)

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Renewal Application: **Georgia EMT-R Renewal**

## **EMT-R Renewal Requirements:**

- Sixteen (16) hours CE (Dept approved/Dept recognized)
  - Modules & hour requirements specified in current EMR National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) specified by NREMT
  - Continuing Education (CE) must be entered into Education Report into LMS
- Current CPR/BCLS certification
- Current EMR certification through NREMT
  - Prior to renewal of EMT-R license, the licensee's certification through the NREMT shall be renewed.
- License renewal fee, \$75.00 (Credit Card fee \$2.75)

Renewal Application will close on **September 30<sup>th</sup>** for those that expire **2024**

Rule 511-9-2-.13 Licensure Renewal for EMS Personnel

## Other Updates/Information

# Naloxone Request Application

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- 2024 – Q4 EMS Naloxone Distribution
  - Request Application will open on August 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Application will close on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

# Ambulance Manufacturers

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- Type 2 vehicles (Van style)
  - 90-180 days turn around
- Type 1 and Type 3 vehicles
  - 3 -4 years turn around
  - Manufacturers have all “parts & pieces” needed
  - 90% of issue is workforce problem within Ambulance Manufacturing companies



# Testing of Safe Transport of Children

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- NASEMSO & NHTSA safety testing for Safe Transport of Children
  - Supine Pediatric Patient
  - Seated Pediatric Patient
  - Neonatal Isolettes
- 3 Phases:
  - Phase 1 – Write testing procedures (Draft document complete)
  - Phase 2 – Actual testing (Anticipate 2 years to test)
  - Phase 3 – Written outcome of safety testing
- Completed Phase 1, working on funding of Phase 2.



## ARTHUR M. BLANK HOSPITAL

EMS Open House is Aug. 23

### You're Invited

On Sept. 29, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta will open Arthur M. Blank Hospital. The new 19-story, 2-million-square-foot facility is the centerpiece of our North Druid Hills campus. Before the new hospital opens, we would like to welcome you to a special event for EMTs and paramedics.

#### EMS Open House

During our open house, you will get a tour of the Arthur M. Blank Hospital ambulance bay and Emergency Department. Light refreshments will be served, and we will raffle off special giveaways.

- **Date:** Friday, Aug. 23
- **Time:** Drop in any time between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Arthur M. Blank Hospital, 2220 North Druid Hills Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329
- **Parking:** Park in the emergency and staff parking deck for the event.



Visit [choa.org/future](http://choa.org/future) to learn more about Arthur M. Blank Hospital

# Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA)- Arthur M. Blank Hospital

EMS Open House – August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10:00am – 2:00pm

Hospital Opening September 29<sup>th</sup>

All patients at Eggleston-CHOA will  
be moved to new hospital on  
September 29<sup>th</sup>

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

# Key Performance Measures for Zoning Committee

Kelly Joiner

# Key Performance Measures for Zoning

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## **Key Performance Measures and Other Considerations for Emergency Response Zones Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma**

### Introduction

These measures are to be used when a REMSAC has determined a need to perform a detailed examination and assessment (based on the statutory criteria of economy, efficiency, and benefit to the public welfare) of an Emergency Response Zone. In consultation with EMSAC, and to address the need for objective measures that will be evaluated and benchmarked for the review of an Emergency Response Zone(s), the following Key Performance Measures have been selected. When a review is conducted, only measures listed in this document will be utilized for the Emergency Response Zone review. Additional measures may not be utilized if quantifiable data is not available, and the Department of Public Health has not approved.

Office of EMS and Trauma worked with EMSAC to update Performance Measures listed in document.

# Key Performance Measures for Zoning

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## Previous Document

- Pediatric measures – 2
- Trauma Measures – 4
- Cardiac Measures – 4
- Stroke Measures – 9
- Other Measures – 3
- Operational Measures

## Updated Document

- Pediatric measures – 2
- Trauma Measures – 4
- Cardiac Measures – 6
- Stroke Measures – 6
- Other Measures – 7
- Operational Measures

Notes: NEMSQA and AHA Mission Lifeline Measures, Measures for transporting patients to designated (Systems of Care) hospitals, etc.

# NEMESIS Public Reports Dashboard



<https://nemsis.org/view-reports/public-reports/version-3-public-dashboards/>

- Heat-Related EMS Activation Surveillance Dashboard
- Nonfatal Drug Overdose Surveillance Dashboard
- v3 911 Call Complaint Dashboard
- **Performance Measures Dashboard**
- Public STEMI Dashboard
- Public Naloxone Administration Dashboard
- V3 Public Motor Vehicle Crash Dashboard
- v3 NHTSA Motor Vehicle Crash Severity Dashboard
- V3 Public Data Quality Dashboard

# EMS-C Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Assessment

Samantha Sindelar

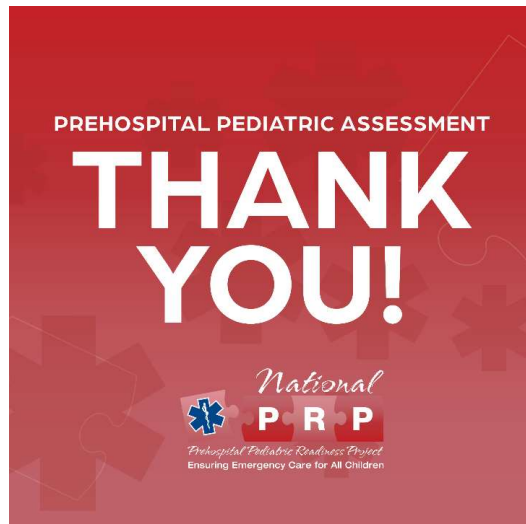
# Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Assessment

- May 1, 2024- July 31,2024
- Open to all agencies that respond to 911 calls
- 30-45 minutes to complete
- Answers are confidential
- Upon completion of the assessment:
  - Your agency will receive a gap report
  - Your agency's overall score
  - Benchmarking against agencies nationally with the same pediatric volumes as your agency



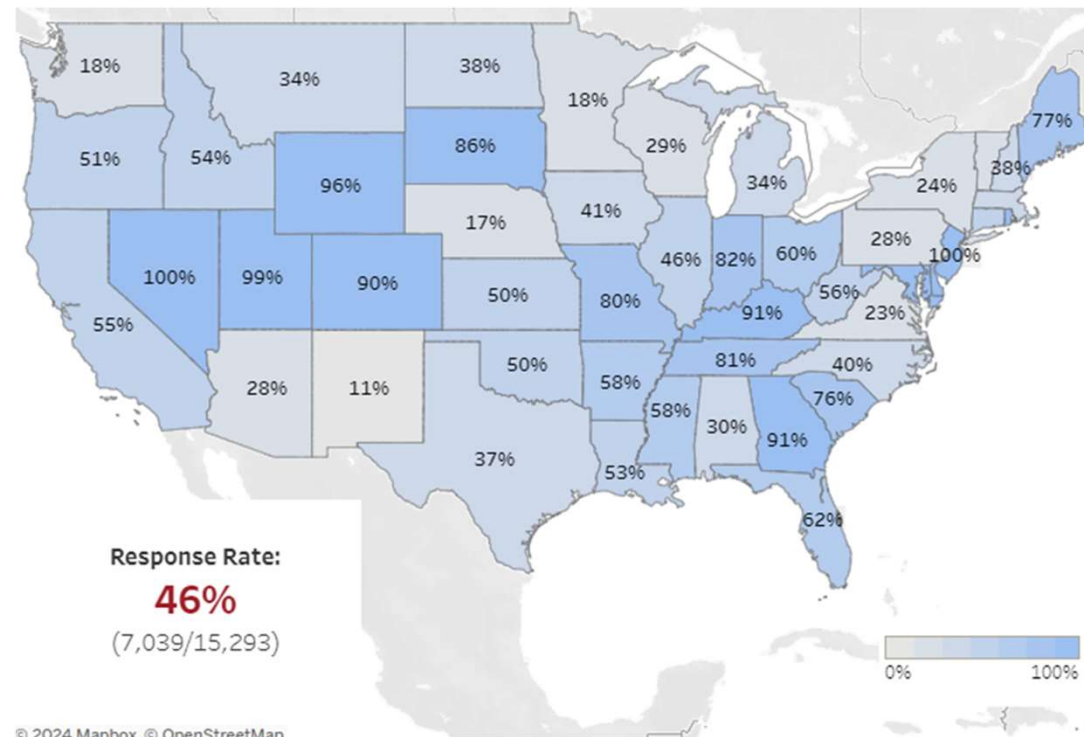


# Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Assessment



Thank you to all agencies who completed the assessment!!

- The information gathered in this assessment will help form future EMSC activities and education for the state.



# GEMSIS Data Documentation Updates

Dipti Patel

# Type of Service Requested (eResponse.05)

## eResponse.05 - Type of Service Requested

### Definition

The type of service or category of service requested of the EMS Agency responding for this specific EMS event.

### Description

Emergency Response (Primary Response Area)

Emergency Response (Intercept)

Emergency Response (Mutual Aid)

Hospital-to-Hospital Transfer

Hospital to Non-Hospital Facility Transfer

Non-Hospital Facility to Non-Hospital Facility Transfer

Non-Hospital Facility to Hospital Transfer

Other Routine Medical Transport

Public Assistance

Standby

Support Services

Non-Patient Care Rescue/Extrication

Crew Transport Only

Transport of Organs or Body Parts

Mortuary Services

Mobile Integrated Health Care Encounter

Evaluation for Special Referral/Intake Programs

Administrative Operations

911 Scene Responses

Interfacility Transports (regardless of how the request was received)

Scheduled Transports (Dialysis, Other Appointments, etc.)

The screenshot shows a dropdown menu for 'Type of Service Requested'. The menu is open, displaying a list of service types. The first three items are '911 Response (Scene)', 'Intercept', and 'Emergency Response (Mutual Aid)'. The next three items are 'Hospital-to-Hospital Transport', 'Hospital to Non-Hospital Facility Transfer', and 'Non-Hospital Facility to Non-Hospital Facility Transfer'. The last item is 'Other Routine Medical Transport'. There are red exclamation mark icons next to 'Hospital to Non-Hospital Facility Transfer' and 'Non-Hospital Facility to Non-Hospital Facility Transfer'. The search bar at the top of the dropdown contains the text 'Find value...'. The background of the dropdown is light gray, and the text is black. The dropdown is positioned over a dark gray background.

# Validation Rules Changes (released April 2024)

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- Rules that went into effect **6/1/2024**
  - **GA Rule 4569** – Requires Dispatch Notified Date/Time on ALL responses (Warning Level)
  - **GA Rule 4568** – Requires PSAP Call Date/Time on ALL responses (Error Level)
  - **GA Rule 4570** – Requires Dispatch Priority (Patient Acuity) on 911 responses and Hospital-to-Hospital Transfers (Warning Level)
- Communicate with your ePCR vendor to ensure they have applied the changes accurately and/or made necessary changes in CAD systems.
- Schematron File, Validation Rules Export, Facilities List, and Change Log published and posted on the GA NEMSIS page. <https://nemsis.org/state-data-managers/state-map-v3/georgia/>

# Upcoming Validation Rules Changes (releasing soon)

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- Validation rules updated
- New and existing facilities added/updated
- New ICD-10 and RxNorm codes added for Cause of Injury, Procedures, and Medications.
- \*\*Ensure Data Managers/Agency Admins are listed in LMS!



OEMST is hosting a webinar on Schematron updates

**Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 10 am.**

**All Authorized Agents, Data Managers and Agency Admins must attend!**

# ImageTrend/GEMSIS Elite New Release Highlights

- A new **User Access History Audit** page on user profiles, showing a history of key changes made to user profiles.

## Test User 2

| Demographics                    | Certifications      | Employment | Account Details | Permission Objects | Elite Viewer        | Records | Emergency Contacts | Documents (0) | User Access History Audit |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| <div>Search audit history</div> |                     |            |                 |                    |                     |         |                    |               |                           |
| Action                          | User                |            |                 |                    | Date and Time       |         |                    |               |                           |
| User locked out for inactivity  | ImageTrend System   |            |                 |                    | 08/17/2023 09:34:02 |         |                    |               |                           |
| User unlocked                   | Dipti Patel (OEMST) |            |                 |                    | 01/05/2024 12:24:17 |         |                    |               |                           |
| User locked out for inactivity  | ImageTrend System   |            |                 |                    | 04/04/2024 13:48:05 |         |                    |               |                           |
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# ImageTrend/GEMSIS Elite New Release Highlights

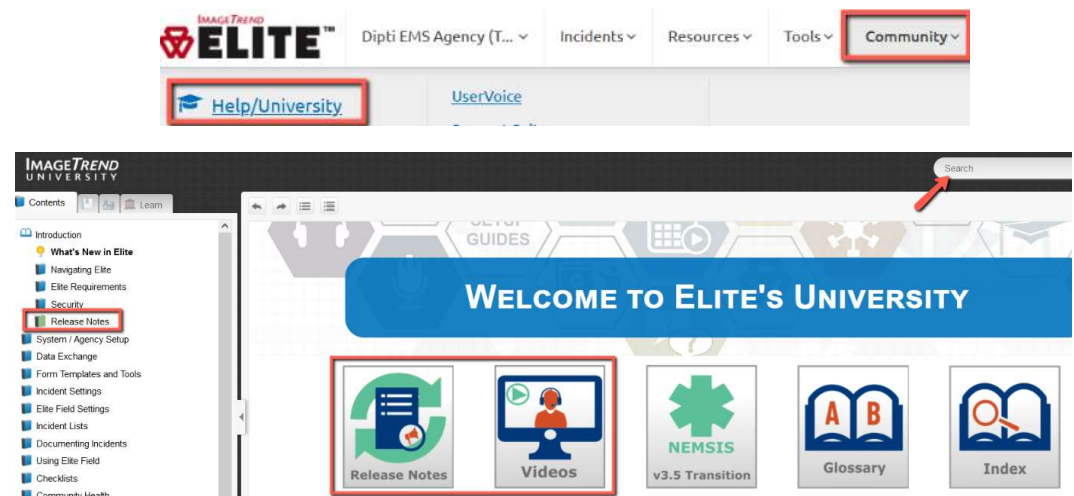
- **Elite Field Background Post Settings** will automatically post incidents meeting certain criteria after a set of amount of time, if those incidents have not yet been posted by medics.

## Elite Field Background Post Settings

**Note:** incidents posted via Field Background Post will not adhere to standard incident status rules.

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Enable Field Background Post ⓘ    | <input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="No"/> |
| Number of Hours Old ⓘ             | <input type="text" value="24"/>                                      |
| Max Number of Days Old ⓘ          | <input type="text" value="0"/>                                       |
| Minimum Validation Score ⓘ        | <input type="text" value="85"/>                                      |
| Background Post Incident Status ⓘ | <input type="text" value="Elite Field Background Post"/>             |
| Post Linked Fire Incidents ⓘ      | <input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="No"/> |

## Navigation



# Education Updates

Richard Rhodes



# Advanced Placement Guidance



## Guidance for Advanced Placement in EMS Education

This document should be used to guide the course hours for  
Advanced Placement for Allied Health Providers

EMS Initial Education Programs should use this chart to determine the minimum course requirements for an Allied Healthcare Provider seeking to become an EMS Provider. All Advanced Placement (AP) courses must be taught by a Georgia Designated EMS Education Program and the course must be approved by the Office of EMS & Trauma (OEMST). Any Allied Health Provider must be licensed and in good standing with their respective licensing board to be considered for AP.

A gap analysis must include a full review of the provider's academic transcript, applicable work history, and any post licensure certifications earned. These documents and rationale for acceptance must be available to the OEMST for evaluation.

| Title   | Placement             | Requirements                                  |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| <b>EMT Level</b>  |                       |   |
| LPN   | No Advanced Placement | Full Course                                   |
| Athletic Trainer  | No Advanced Placement | Full Course                                   |
| Respiratory Therapist   | No Advanced Placement | Full Course                                   |
| RN  | Advanced Placement    | Accelerated EMT*                              |
| PA  | Advanced Placement    | Accelerated EMT*                              |
| MD  | Advanced Placement    | Gap Analysis                                  |
| <b>AEMT Level</b>   |                       |   |
| RN  | Advanced Placement    | EMT + Gap Analysis or Accelerated AEMT*       |
| PA  | Advanced Placement    | EMT + Gap Analysis or Accelerated AEMT*       |
| MD  | Advanced Placement    | Gap Analysis                                  |
| <b>Paramedic Level</b>  |                       |   |
| RN  | Advanced Placement    | AP SMC + 350 didactic/lab (600 hours minimum) |
| PA  | Advanced Placement    | Gap Analysis and AP SMC                       |
| MD  | Advanced Placement    | Gap Analysis                                  |
| Non-NREMT Paramedic   | Advanced Placement    | Gap Analysis and AP SMC                       |
| <b>*Accelerated course content can be no less than 120 hours and includes the SMC Clinical/Field requirements</b> |                       |   |

# Critical Care Guidance



## Guidance for Critical Care Programs in Georgia

This document should be used to design and implement a Critical Care Education Program or course and to outline licensing requirements for a Bridge Program

### **Critical Care Education Programs**

Critical Care Education Programs must be designated by the OEMST in the same process as all other levels of Initial Education. This process will include the following:

- Facility Inspection (Classroom and Lab space sufficient for all activities)
- Minimum Equipment inspection (see CCP minimum Equipment List)
- Designation Application
  - Verification of Clinical/Field contracts
  - Program Director Certification Form (Must be licensed as a Georgia Paramedic and Georgia Paramedic I/C and \*Board Certified as CCP or FP-C)
  - Lead Instructor (must be licensed as a Georgia Paramedic and Georgia Paramedic I/C and Board Certified as CCP or FP-C)
  - Medical Director Certification form (Must be licensed as an EM Board Certified physician in Georgia)

\*Must be Board Certified beginning on or after January 1, 2026

### **Critical Care Courses**

Critical Care Courses must be taught at designated Critical Care Programs and each course must be approved by the OEMST. Each course must be taught by an approved instructor as noted above. All courses must meet the following requirements for approval:

- Be at least 160 hours of Didactic/Lab/Simulation instruction
- Be at least 80 hours of Clinical
- Complete the CCP Student Minimum Competency (SMC)

## Hybrid Critical Care Courses

Agencies and Personnel may use a hybrid approach (online and in-person) models to achieve their certification. The OEMST will publish a list of acceptable Critical Care Programs that can teach the academic portion, they would then be required to complete the lab/simulation (SMC) requirements with a Georgia Designated Critical Care Program. A small example of acceptable programs are listed below:

- FlightBridgeEd
- FOAMfrat
- UMBC
- UofF

As an example of how this could work: An EMS agency could pay for its personnel to attend an online CCP course and then become designated following the designation model above and complete the lab/simulation/clinical (SMC) portions with their personnel.

Programs that do not have a qualified lead instructor can utilize a hybrid model and allow an EM or EMS Board Certified physician or EMS Fellowship trained to complete the lab/simulation (SMC) requirements.



### **Licensure Criteria**

- Complete a Georgia OEMST approved CCP course
- Obtain IBSC CCP, FP-C, or BCEN CFRN or CTRN board certification
- Possess NREMT Paramedic Certification
- Apply for Georgia Critical Care Paramedic Licensure

### **Recertification/Relicensure Criteria**

- Maintain IBSC board certification
- Maintain NREMT Paramedic certification
- Complete 40 hours of Ga approved Continuing Education every 2 years

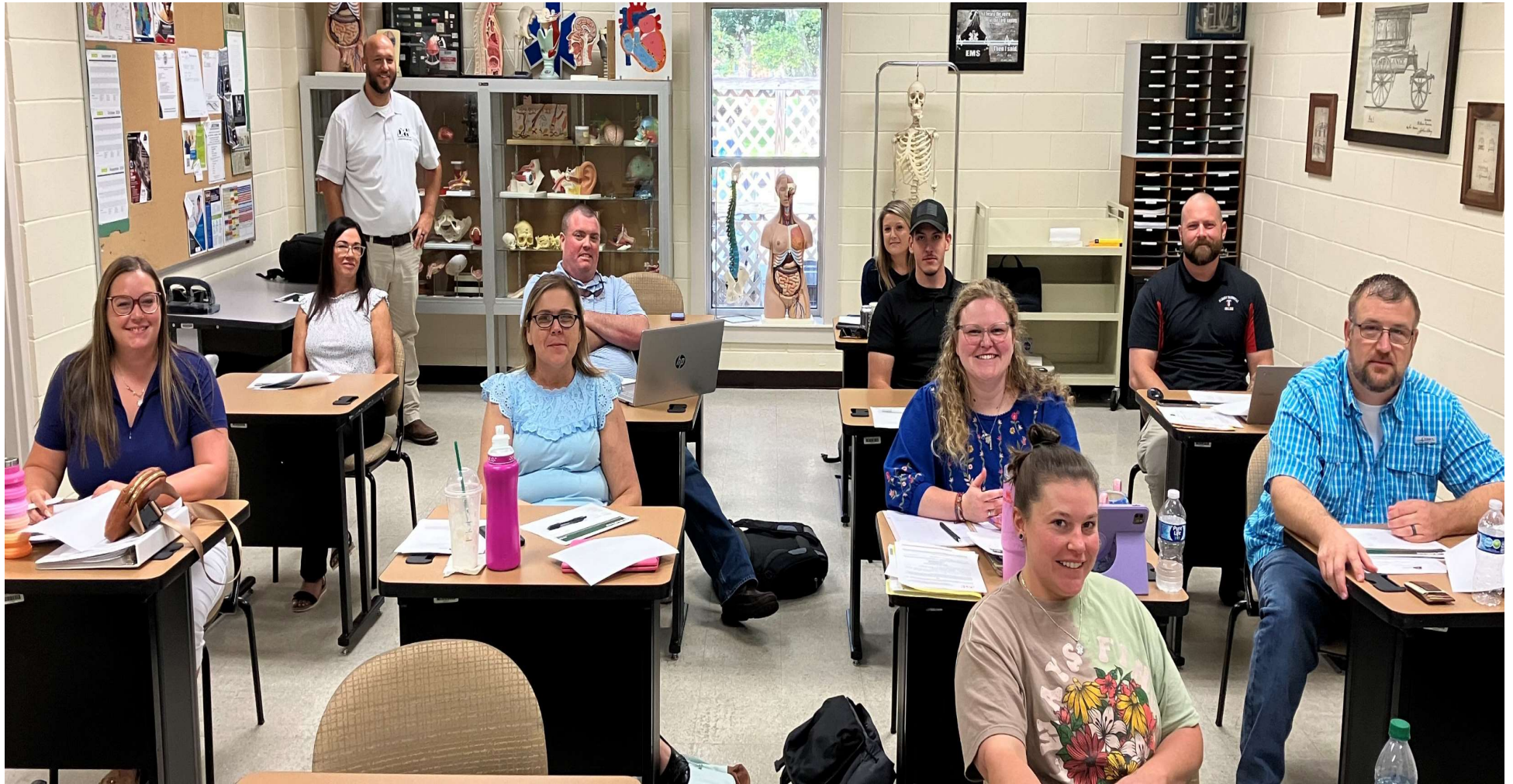
### **Grandfather/Bridge Option**

The grandfathering period will remain in effect until January 2026. This option will be in place to allow those who already possess certain credentials or experience to be able to obtain their CCP licensure. Any questions or clarification should be directed to Richard Rhodes at [richard.rhodes@dph.ga.gov](mailto:richard.rhodes@dph.ga.gov).

Any person who has taken a Critical Care Course that the OEMST can evaluate to ensure that it meets minimum requirements is eligible for grandfathering. Additionally, the following requirements will be in place:

- Complete a skills competency verification by a Georgia Designated Critical Care Program
  - The PD should perform a gap analysis\*\* and determine what, if any remedial education is needed and then verify minimum competency using the Georgia CCP SMC
  - Those currently working in a Flight/Critical Care setting could use their work experience and annual competencies to satisfy minimum competency
- Possess IBSC or BCEN board certification
- Possess NREMT Paramedic certification

\*\*A gap analysis must include a full review of the provider's academic transcript, applicable work history, and any post licensure certifications earned. These documents and rationale for acceptance must be available to the OEMST for evaluation.



GDAC

Richard Rhodes



# GDAC Update

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Updated information has been sent to GDAC- Updates will post soon

Pass rates since September of 2023 have improved by:

- EMT – 1%
- AEMT – 1%
- Paramedic – 3%

Some programs will notice that their pass rate stayed the same while their overall ranking went down

# License Audits

# License Audits began on April 1st

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- A small percentage of all renewal applications were identified at random for audit
- Those being audited received an email – there will be nothing for you to do unless we reach out to you for more information
- We may ask for further verification of courses attended, so ensure that you have documentation

# Audit Process

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- BLS Certification (Approved Sponsor, Valid dates)
- ACLS Certification, if applicable (Approved Sponsor, Valid dates)
- TIM Education and valid verification
- CAH Education and valid verification
- Continuing Education Hours
  - Topical hours requirement (Trauma, Cardiac/Stroke, Pediatric)
  - Correct amount of hours
  - Certificate or valid verification of education obtained

# Audit Findings and Actions

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93% of all accounts audited had some type of compliance issue

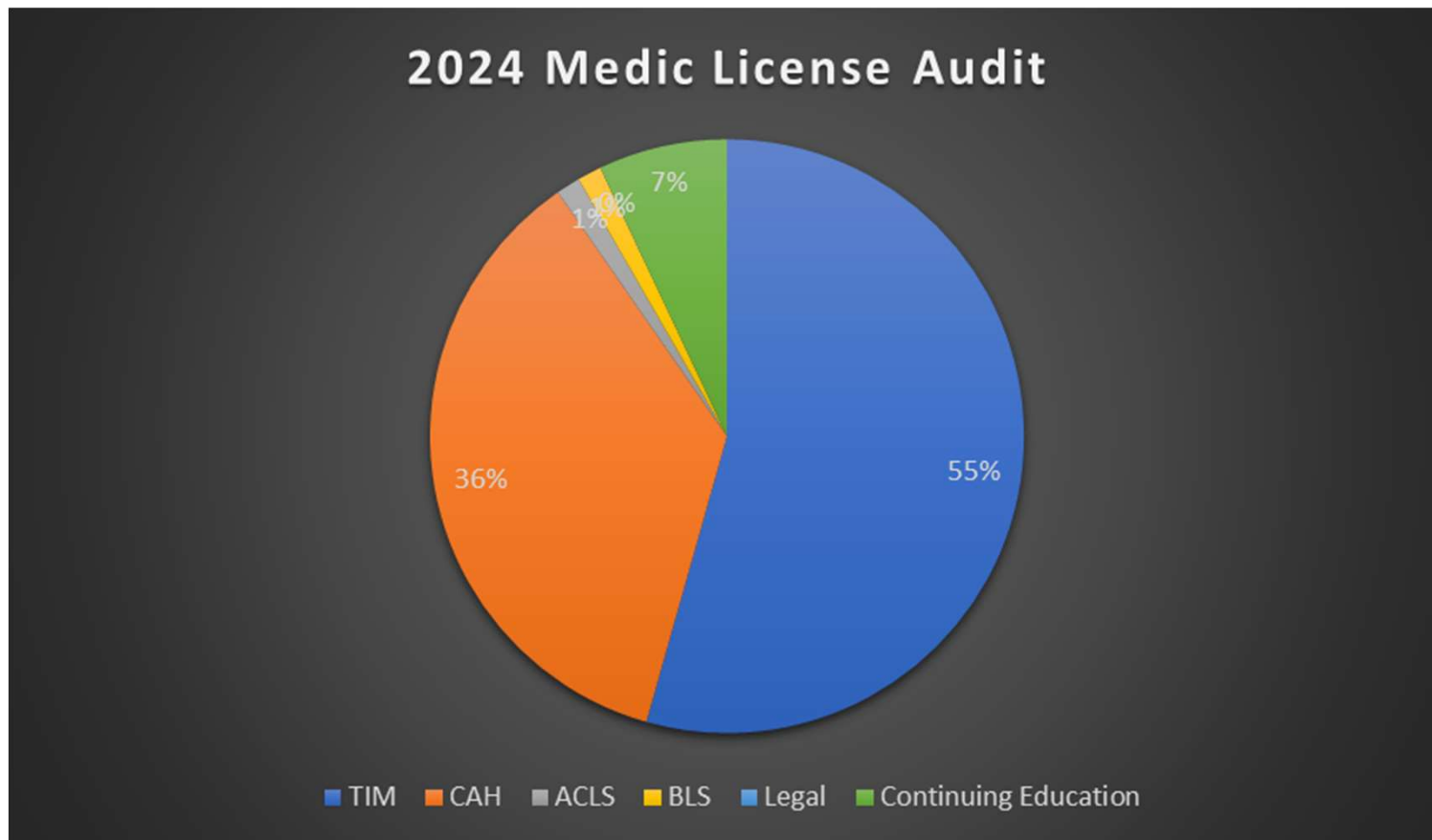
Most accounts had multiple compliance issues and the overall percentages are listed in the graph

In the future, medics will be sent notification of a compliance issue and given 30 days to correct/comply

- If they do not comply, their license will be placed on a 3-month probation
- If they do not comply within the 90-day probation, their license will be suspended, and they will not be able to work

# Audit Stats

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# Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

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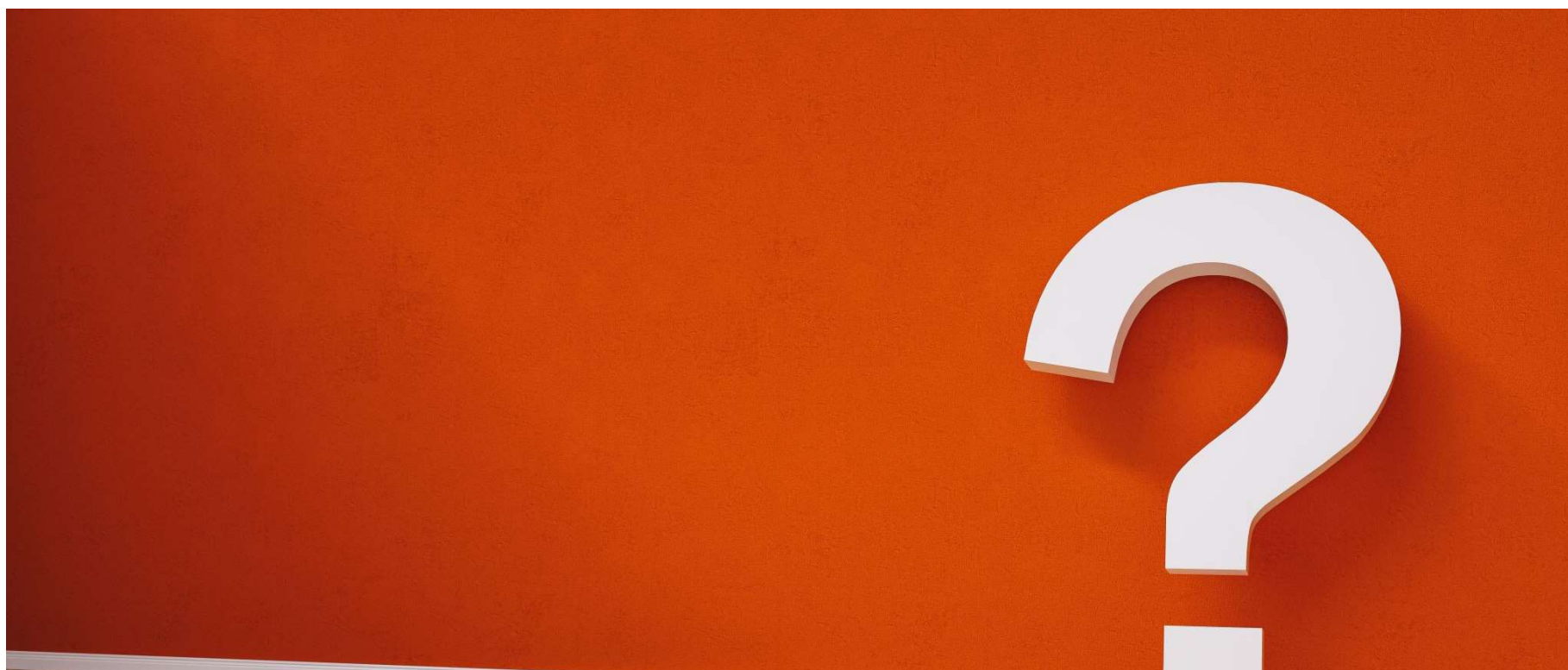
- EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – August 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am
  - Virtual & In Person, OEMST, 1680 Phoenix Blvd, Atlanta, GA
  - Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of each quarter (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)
- EMS Education Consortium – September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM
  - Virtual & In Person (TBD)
  - Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of each quarter (Mar, June, Sept, Dec)
- Bi-Monthly EMS Education Update – September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am
  - Virtual
  - Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each odd numbered month
- EMSMDAC Quarterly Meeting – October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
  - Virtual & In Person, OEMST, 1680 Phoenix Blvd, Atlanta, GA
  - Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> month of each quarter (Jan, Apr, July, Oct)

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/public-notice-regional-and-statewide-meetings>



# Questions? And Open Discussion

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# Thank you for all that you do!

