

Montana Healthcare Coalitions Newsletter – November 18, 2021

New and Noteworthy

Child Care Assistance for Healthcare workers

Attached is a flyer from DPHHS outlining the one-time only child care assistance for certain healthcare workers. DPHHS will also be sending this out in the next few days to all Medicaid facilities as well. The applications will be available starting this Friday, November 19, 2021 and will be processed starting in December. Please feel free to share with your staff. Should you have any questions, please contact Duane Preshinger, Senior Vice President MT Hospital Association; Main: (406) 442-1911 | Direct: (406) 457-8004 | Cell: (406) 431-9356

DES Mitigation Funding

There are several open funding opportunities through the DES Mitigation Program. Visit <https://des.mt.gov/Mitigation/Mitigation-Program> for full details and information.

CDC Digital Media Toolkit: 2021 - 2022 Flu Season

Upending CDC's seasonal flu vaccination campaign materials are available to assist partners in communicating about the importance of vaccination. The digital toolkit includes details on events/activities, sample social media and newsletter content, graphics, web assets, and media prep material. The material is downloadable, shareable, and some of the material is customizable. Find the toolkit and learn more at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Data and Situational Awareness

New Therapeutic Coming to EMResource/TeleTracking

As you've likely heard already, sotrovimab is a new therapeutic that is starting to be allocated/distributed this week.

We are still working out exactly when it will be added to the [Federal hospital reporting guidance](#), however, when it is added it will be assigned to **therapeutic D**.

Partners who would like to activate therapeutic D fields for reporting sotrovimab courses on hand and sotrovimab courses administered (field 40c and 40d, respectively) are welcome to do so. Sotrovimab reporting will be similar to other therapeutics in that the data will be reported on Wednesday only with the previous week defined as Wednesday through Tuesday.

Converting the therapeutic D fields for sotrovimab reporting is not a requirement at this time, however, it is anticipated to be required at a future date.

We will be in touch with updates as soon as able. Additional information on therapeutics is available on phe.gov.

New Process for Forgotten Passwords in EMResource

Previously, users were able to contact their coalition coordinator for assistance with resetting a forgotten password. Juvare has recently updated their process. If you have forgotten your password, please use the steps below.

1. Go to <https://login.juvar.com/>
2. Click "Need help signing in?"
3. Click "Forgot password?"
4. Follow the instructions from there.

As always, your coalition coordinators are there to answer any questions or provide assistance in EMResource.

EMResource Tip Sheet

Recently we have been receiving questions regarding getting information from EMResource relevant to transfers. Please review and share the attached EMResource Tip Sheet for questions about finding bed availability, contacts for transfers and additional tips on capturing relevant information. Please reach out the hppcoordinators@mtha.org with questions.

Missed Data in TeleTracking

If a facility misses a day reporting into EMResource and TeleTracking, there is a process for doing a manual entry backdate. Users must log into the TeleTracking then click on Add New Entry. There is now a dropdown where you can choose the date to submit data for. This process is much simpler than uploading the template for missed data. **Ensure that ALL fields are entered or the data will not be counted for compliance. We still encourage hospitals to enter data into EMResource daily by 1200.**

Upcoming Events

Advanced Burn Life Support

November 28, 2021 Billings Bighorn Resort

Please see attached flyer for details and registration link

Public Health Town Hall

Monday, November 22, 12-1 Eastern/10-11 Mountain

[White House Invitation \[astho1.informz.net\]](#)

The White House COVID-19 Response Team is hosting a special virtual event as a thank you to public health workers. You can join the *Public Health Community Appreciation Town Hall* on Monday, Nov. 22, from 12-1 p.m. ET. The event will acknowledge all of the work the public health community has put into the COVID-19 pandemic response in addition to the sacrifices they have made.

Speakers from the White House COVID-19 Response Team, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, and CDC Director Rochelle Walensky will be sharing their thoughts on the public health workforce and offer acknowledgments. State and local health officials will also be joining to share insight on the advancements made to improve public health infrastructure for the future.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid National Nursing Home Stakeholder Call

Tuesday, November 23, 2:00-3:00

https://cms.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_-N0Uay9NRMCMsjo6PdCoIw

CISM Basic Group and Individual Peer Support

November 29-December 1, 2021

Bozeman- location and other info TBA

POC- Carol Burroughs 406-580-4443 or carolatwork@montana.net

Communication Strategies for Building Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines: Addressing Variants and Childhood Vaccinations

Offered by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

[Communication Strategies for Building Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines Tickets, Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

HSEP course is now virtual.

Please see hyperlink below for further information and registration.

<https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/AWR-336-W>

Chemical Security Seminars 2021

December 1, 8, and 15, 2021, from 9 am to 1 pm MT

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) invites you to attend the virtual 2021 Chemical Security Seminars

These seminars will feature important chemical security information for industry organizations, facility owners and operators, government officials, first responders, and law enforcement. Sessions will discuss and share the latest in chemical security best practices, including:

- The state of chemical security—updates for the [Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards \(CFATS\) program](#) and ongoing voluntary chemical security efforts

- CISA leadership's priorities and vision

- Case studies from industry representatives

A discussion on ransomware incidents and best practices

A deep-dive into the [18 CFATS Risk-Based Performance Standards \(RBPS\)](#), including best practices

Chemical threat and economic espionage briefings

Challenges encountered with chemical security during the COVID-19 pandemic

The convergence of cyber and physical security

[Registration for the 2021 Chemical Security Seminars](#) is now open! The Seminars are free to attend and open to the public.

[Please register](#) no later than November 30, 2021.

Registrants will receive the links to join virtually through Microsoft Teams closer to the date of the Seminars.

For questions or comments, please visit the [Chemical Security Summit webpage](#) or email the Chemical Seminars Team at ChemicalSummitReg@hq.dhs.gov.

Intent Into Action – L-418

January 24 – 28, 2022 8:00 am – 5:30 pm daily

Bozeman Holiday Inn, 5 East Baxter

Application and Information at <https://L481.eventbrite.com>. See the attached flyer for additional information.

K0449 (Virtual) ICS Curricula Train the Trainer

Course Dates:

Fiscal Year 2022 (FY2022)

- February 7–11, 2022

- March 21–25, 2022

- August 8–12, 2022

- September 19–23, 2022

Course is 5 days in length- 06:30- 15:30 Mountain Time

Mandatory homework and group collaboration after the instruction ends

Registration: [https://training.fema.gov/netc online admissions](https://training.fema.gov/netc_online_admissions)

EMI POC: Rick Flick (301) 447-1633 or Russell.flick@fema.dhs.gov

Engagement and Other News

Infection Prevention Funding

Funding was recently made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The intention of this funding is to assist recipients with supporting long-term care facilities during their response to COVID-19, and also to build and maintain the infection prevention infrastructure necessary to support resident, visitor, and facility healthcare personnel safety. **Nursing homes (skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities) are the primary target for these funds.** Guidance for funding can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceid/dpei/pdf/guidance-nursing-home-ltc-facility-strike-team-and-infastructure-508.pdf>. The goal of this survey is to better understand the infection control needs of long-term care facilities in Montana.

If you have questions about this survey or the funding, please contact Erika Baldry, Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program Manager at Erika.Baldry@mt.gov. **Please complete this survey by COB on December 3rd.** Please feel free to share this email with others.

Survey Link: https://mdphhs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5aoFDJVJ454MyF0

Updated Crisis Care Guidance

On behalf of DPHHS, here is information on the release of the updated crisis care guidance as well as links to the guidelines.

Front Matter:

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/CoronavirusMT/MontanaCrisisCareGuidanceFrontMatter.pdf>

Overview & Materials:

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/CoronavirusMT/MontanaCrisisCareGuidanceOverviewMaterials.pdf>

Questions

We are committed to supporting you and answering questions as quickly as possible. Please send any questions or comments to hppcoordinators@mtha.org.

Visit the [Montana Regional Healthcare Coalitions](#) website for additional information and resources.

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American Burn Association ADVANCED BURN LIFE SUPPORT Registration Form

Provider Course, Monday November 29, 2021
BIG HORN RESORT
1801 MAJESTIC LANE BILLINGS, MT 59102
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

The Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) Provider Course is an eight-hour course for physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, therapists, and paramedics. This live, hands-on course is designed to provide the "how-to" of emergency care of the burn patient through the first 24-hour critical time period. Following a series of lectures, case studies are presented for group discussions. An opportunity to work with a simulated burn patient to reinforce the assessment, stabilization, and the American Burn Association transfer criteria to a Burn Center will be provided. Testing consists of a written exam and a practical assessment.

Course Objectives: 1. Evaluate a patient with a serious burn; 2. Define the magnitude and severity of the injury; 3. Identify and establish priorities of treatment 4. Manage the airway and support ventilation; 5. Initiate and monitor fluid resuscitation; 6. Apply correct methods of physiological monitoring; 7. Determine which patients should be transferred to a burn center; and 8. Organize and conduct the inter-hospital transfer of a seriously injured patient.

The ABA designates this continuing medical education activity for up to 7.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. This program also has been approved by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) for 7.40 contact hours Synergy CERP Category A, File number 00019086.

Planning Committee Disclosure as required by ACCME: Salil Gulati is the principal investigator on a research project for Beekan Biomedical; he has indicated no direct monetary role.

Joseph Molnar, MD, PhD, has relevant relationships with Integra Life Sciences, receives an honoraria serving as speaker and teacher; he also receives an honoraria from Healogics, serving on the membership advisory committee review panel, in addition he serves on the membership advisory committee review panel for Anika but does not receive financials.

All other planners have indicated that they have no relevant relationships.

Faculty Disclosure as required by ACCME

If relationship exists, Insert Name, has (a) relevant relationship(s) with (name of company) serving as (role and place). Any additional relationships must be revealed in the same way. (you find this information at the ABAs website, center of page)

The following faculty indicate they have no relevant relationships to disclose.

REBECCA GARBER, FNP-BC, FAANP

GINNY COATES, RN

SARAH ZELLER, RN

CAMERON GIBSON, MD

MIKE FLATT, EMT

Complete Name _____

Degree(s) _____

Organization _____

Org. Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Work Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Profession: *Please circle* Physician PA MSN BSN RN LVN LPN Paramedic EMT PT/OT Firefighter Other _____

ABLS Registration Fees

Paid by the Regional Healthcare Coalition

For more information about this class, contact: Adren Orosco: 970-810-5623

To register, fill out this form and scan and email to Adren.Orosco@bannerhealth.com or fax to (970) 810-6306 (Class size limited to first 25 students)



Training Announcement

Intent Into Action L-481



WHEN: January 24-28, 2022
8:00 AM— around 5:30 PM daily
WHERE: Bozeman Holiday Inn
5 East Baxter, Bozeman
COST: No Tuition Cost—Grant Funded
PER DIEM: Not Covered
CONTACT: Kevin Larsen
(406) 548-0117
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TAUGHT BY: Mission-Centered Solutions
MT POST & NWCG Certified



Application and Info at:

<https://L481.eventbrite.com>

The course focuses on guiding the staff as a highly functional and integrated team that can leverage incident management practices to its best effect:

- Developing ethos and team culture as a professional staff
- Establishing an effective command climate aligned with a Mission-Driven Culture
- Developing and maintaining a common operating picture
- Providing functional integration and resilience
- Thinking critically and strategically
- Leading at the team, section, and stakeholder level
- Influencing the political, social, infrastructure, information, and economic elements of the operational environment
- Developing and communicating intent at an incident level

This five-day program provides practical experience using ICS or AIIMS structure in the context of a large incident response. Students work in iterative simulations to review, practice, and improve the application of doctrinal tools along with leadership skills as appropriate for the staff.





Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) Provider Course

The Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) Provider Course provides knowledge for immediate care of burn patients up to the first 24-hours post-injury. ABLS programs also support emergency preparedness and mass casualty incidents focusing on triage, burn survivability, prioritizing transport of patients, and patient treatment.

This course is for people who may come into early contact with a burn injury, including fire fighters, EMTs, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, therapists, emergency physicians and nurses, pediatricians and pediatric nurses, first responders, military personnel, and many others.

This course is provided by Banner Health and the North Colorado Burn Center and available through scholarships offered by Montana's Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP) and your Regional Healthcare Coalitions (RHCC).

NOTE:

- There is a refundable \$100 deposit required.
- You must cancel a week in advance for a refund.
- Upon completion of the course you will receive a full refund.
- Mileage and one-night lodging at the state rate will be reimbursed.
- You must make your own lodging reservations. No third-party booking such as Priceline. Please book directly with hotel.
- Bring your paid receipt to class.
- MASKS REQUIRED DURING CLASS.

Space is limited to 25 students, so please do not wait to enroll!

- **DATE:**
November 29, 2021
- **TIME:**
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MST
- **LOCATION:**
Big Horn Resort
1801 Majestic Lane
Billings, MT 59102

Registration Information
coming soon.

One-time only child care assistance is available for certain healthcare employees through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Applications can be submitted beginning November 19, 2021. Funding is limited and applications are processed on a first come first serve basis.

Am I an eligible healthcare worker?

- At least one parent in the household must provide direct care services to patients or clients in one of the following health care sector categories:
 - Health care,
 - Behavioral health,
 - Disability services, or
 - Long-term care settings to include home and community-based services, assisted living, skilled nursing, or home health.

What are other requirements for this program?

- Family must live in Montana.
- Family income at or below 250% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) receive priority funding,
- Children must be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien.
- Children must be under 12 years old to be eligible for paid child care.
- Parents with children under 18 must comply with child support if there is an absent parent.
- Child care must be provided by a child care provider licensed/registered by the State of Montana.

What are the benefits of this program?

- A family will only have up to \$100 monthly copayment.
- A family is eligible for 12 months.
- A child care provider will be paid the full authorized amount, regardless of attendance. This ensures a child will have a child care slot with the provider.

To apply or for more information:

- Go to childcare.mt.gov
- Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies are taking applications beginning November 19, 2021.

Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies Information:
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/ChildCare/ChildCareResourceandReferral>

EMResource Tip Sheet

Where do I look to see if a facility has bed availability?

- The main splash page has bed availability for Adult ICU and Med/Surge Beds. If you want additional details, click on the facility name and look at the Bed Availability categories.
 - Some CAHs report their non-skilled swing beds as Long Term Care beds, however some include attached, but separate, nursing homes in that field.
 - Fields of importance:
 - Bed Capacity: Adult ICU
 - Bed Capacity: Medical Surgical
 - Bed Capacity: Long Term Care
 - Bed Availability: Adult ICU
 - Bed Availability: Med/Surg
 - Bed Availability: Long Term Care
 - Please note that, while these fields may have a recent timestamp, the facility may not be updating these fields regularly.

Who do I contact for transfers?

- Last fall, EMResource was updated to include the facility contact information for inter-facility transfers. This is the point of contact for a facility's ability to receive a patient. To access that information, click on the facility name to get to the individual facility's information.

Type: Sample Hospital
Address: 521 1st Ave NW
Great Falls, MT 59404
County: Cascade
Lat/Longitude: 47.508936 / -111.321171
EMResource/AHA ID: 177286 /
Website:
Contact: Transfer Primary Contact
Contact Title:
Phone 1: 406-123-4567
Phone 2:
Fax: 406-456-7891
Email: person@hospital.com
Notes: Next Person to Contact
Sally Stephen
406-234-5678

I do not see both PPS and CAH hospitals on the splash page, how do I fix that?

- Users have the ability to change the types of facility they are able to view.
 - Click on the View tab at the top of the page and select the Resource Type that you would like. Most useful will be Regional Default, Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals or your respective Region.
- If you would like all Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals to be your default view, email hppcoordinators@mtha.org and we will get that fixed for you.

What additional information would be helpful to put in EMResource?

- Please enter your bed capacity and bed availability on a frequent basis. We understand that the HHS data is required and this information is included in those fields but, currently, HHS data is not shared.

- If you are facing a critical staffing shortage for the day or week, please enter the number and type of staff that you are short in the Comment section for HHS: Critical Staffing Shortage Today measure.

Letter to CEOs

In the near future the HPP program will be sending a letter to hospital CEOs requesting approval to make the HHS data fields visible to all users in EMResource. This information is important to be able to share because it is updated daily by the majority of facilities, includes additional information that just bed capacity and availability, and will positively impact situational awareness for all users. These fields will either be visible to all or hidden from all, we cannot only make the information visible for some facilities. We encourage you to reach out to your CEO to approve this request to better facilitate patient transfers within your region.

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