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## Comprehensive County EMS Plan Law - Key Dates & Next Steps for County EMS Coordinators

Dear County EMS Coordinator,

The New York State Department of Health is sharing an update with County EMS Coordinators regarding the County EMS Plan law (Chapter 703 of the Laws of 2025).

As enacted, the law will take effect June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and County EMS Plans will be due six months after the effective date, which means County EMS Plans must be submitted prior to December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

This law was designed to support thoughtful, coordinated EMS system planning at the county level. While the statute outlines the overall requirement for counties to develop comprehensive EMS plans, the Department recognizes that clear guidance and structure will be important to making this process meaningful and manageable.

To support counties, the Department of Health is finalizing a County EMS Plan Framework, which will be released shortly. This Framework will outline recommended components, suggested formatting, and general information about the submission and feedback process. We encourage counties to begin considering how they may approach the planning effort locally and to start thinking about potential stakeholders and information sources. To ensure local efforts align with the statewide structure, counties may want to wait for this framework to be released before investing substantial time into the project.

In addition, where possible, the Department may share relevant information to assist counties in building their plans. This may include data already collected by the State, information related to EMS agencies operating within your county, training and workforce trends, and other materials that could help inform local planning efforts. Our goal is to make this process collaborative and to reduce unnecessary duplication of effort by providing counties with foundational information that may already exist at the State level.

This initiative is an opportunity to strengthen collaboration between counties, EMS agencies, Regional and State EMS Councils, and the State. A well-developed county plan can help identify strengths, gaps, and opportunities for improvement while supporting long-term system stability and patient access to emergency medical care.

Additional guidance, including the County EMS Plan Framework and submission details, will be distributed in the coming weeks.



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We have created a portal on our website for questions as well as for submission of documents as the process proceeds. For questions prior to the framework being distributed, please contact the Division of State EMS via the "EMS Forms" page on the Department of Health website.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Greenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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