Maine's Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Monthly Learning Series

Mission: Improve the health and quality of life for children with special health care needs and their families.

Community Paramedicine

April 7, 2026, 3:30-4:30pm

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Community Paramedicine (CP) is an innovative healthcare delivery model that expands the traditional role of EMS to address gaps in access, chronic disease management, care coordination, and rural health challenges. As Maine continues to navigate workforce shortages, hospital capacity pressures, and increasing healthcare costs, Community Paramedicine offers a locally integrated solution.

This webinar is designed for professionals seeking a clear understanding of what Community Paramedicine is — and how it functions within Maine's healthcare system.

Participants will gain insight into how CP programs support patients outside of emergency response, strengthen partnerships across healthcare and social service sectors, and contribute to system-wide improvements in access and efficiency.

Learning objectives:

1. Participants will be able to define Community Paramedicine and describe how it differs from traditional 911 emergency response services.
2. Explain the role of Community Paramedicine within Maine's healthcare continuum, including its integration with hospitals, primary care, behavioral health, and community-based organizations.
3. Participants will be able to recognize opportunities for cross-sector collaboration, including how healthcare systems, municipalities, payors, and social service agencies can partner with CP programs.

Soliana Harnish is the Maine EMS Community Paramedicine (CP) Coordinator with over three years of experience in her current role. She serves as Chair of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) CP-MIH Committee, helping guide national conversations on Community Paramedicine and Mobile Integrated Healthcare. In addition to her EMS leadership, Soliana is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) providing school-based therapy services in an elementary school setting, bringing a unique behavioral health perspective to EMS systems development.

The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Health Care Coordinator provides a unique resource for families, providers, and communities. The goal is to assist families and providers in finding services that will help the child or youth acquire optimal health, development, well-being, and the best quality of life.

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