



***The Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act (PPAEMA)
Transparency Update: Federal DEA Registration and Maine EMS Engagement***

Overview: *With the short timeframe between the publication of the DEA's Final Rule and the upcoming effective date, we recognize there is significant anxiety regarding what agency compliance will look like. This communication is intended to provide transparency into our current efforts to engage the DEA and secure clear guidance for the Maine EMS Office and the ALS agencies affected by these changes.*

Current Status of Maine's Engagement

Maine EMS has been consistently connecting with our DEA partners since initial education was offered in late 2025. To ensure a smooth transition, we are working directly with the Acting DEA Division Program Manager for the New England Field Division, and a specifically assigned Field Agent focused on the registration process for the New England states.

At their request, Maine EMS has already:

- Submitted all requested state-level documentation to the DEA.
- Provided a comprehensive one-page summary "walkthrough" of the Maine statutes, rules, and protocols that give Maine EMS's clinicians the authority to possess and use controlled substances for patient care.

Next Steps

We are currently awaiting the DEA's response to our submitted documents and final guidance on the agency registration portal. As soon as we receive this information, we will immediately pass it on to all stakeholders.

Upcoming Town Halls

To ensure you have the opportunity to hear directly from federal regulators, Maine EMS will facilitate a series of in-person Town Halls led by the DEA.

- **Timeline:** These are being scheduled approximately 4–6 weeks from now.
- **Purpose:** This will be a vital opportunity to meet our DEA partners and ask specific questions about the implementation of the new rule.

Bottom Line: Please continue your current operations and medical oversight protocols. We are advocating for you at the federal level to ensure that when the portal opens, you have the tools you need to comply without stress.

Please consider this update in context with the [Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act \(PPAEMA\) Informational Bulletin](#) published by Maine EMS on February 12, 2026.