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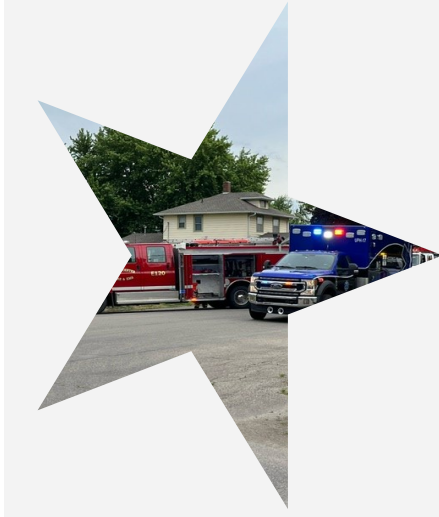
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Use of the new Interoperable Medical Talkgroups for EMS to Hospital Communication



Medical Interoperability Talkgroups

ISICS is Iowa's Statewide Interoperable Communications System, created for standardized public safety and public service communication across discipline. Interoperable communication is crucial because it allows different organizations or systems to seamlessly exchange information and data in real-time, which is particularly critical in emergency situations where coordinated response across multiple agencies is necessary, like during natural disasters or large-scale incidents.

Radios are essential and critical to responder safety; radios ensure efficient communications. The ISICS system is equipped with encrypted interoperable talkgroups for use for EMS to hospital communications. These talkgroups are listed in the graphic above. Through this iMED project they will be programmed into transport ambulances opting into this project as well as hospital HAN radios and WAVE equipment. They are also available on system to any ISICS user to program into their equipment—see ISICS Standard 1.5.5.

When contacting a destination facility, EMS crews should use the hospital's specific talkgroup. If the hospital does not have a specific talkgroup, or it is not programmed into the crew's radio, the regional medical talkgroup should be utilized instead. Cellular and landline telephone communications rely on commercial networks which are not designed for the reliability, redundancy, and resiliency present in public safety LMR systems. The use of calling in via cell phones shall be a secondary means of communication between EMS and hospitals used when LMR communications is not possible.

Medical Interops:

- iMED is a demonstration project in **REGION 1** only
- Talkgroups (TG) available statewide—but not all agencies will have immediate ability to program these into equipment
- Training on these talkgroups is not yet available statewide
- Final EMS Communications Plan is not yet approved by HHS, but the document does support radio communications and ISICS platform for interoperable communications
- Coordination is **KEY**—we must work closely with our partners and neighbors to make communications plans that work for all levels of ability and access
- **Must have encryption enabled equipment and encryption key CKR 786 programmed to hear radio traffic on these talkgroups**
- **PACE**—primary, alternate, contingent, and emergency communications planning is a must

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TALKGROUP IDS

This information will be helpful to those involved in the radio programming—any questions can be directed to contact information found on page 1

IAMED-E	3010
R1MED10E	13010
SR1MED110E	13110
R2MED20E	13610
R3MED30E	13810
R4MED40E	14010
R5MED50E	14210
R6MED60E	14410



Region 1	13401	IA	Boone	08HOSPITAL1E	786
Region 1	13402	IA	Lake City	13HOSPITAL1E	786
Region 1	13403	IA	Carroll	14 SARH 1E	786
Region 1	13404	IA	Manning	14 MRHC 1E	786
Region 1	13405	IA	Perry	25 DCH 1E	786
Region 1	13406	IA	West Des Moines	25UPMW1E	786
Region 1	13407	IA	Jefferson	37HOSPITAL1E	786
Region 1	13408	IA	Grundy Center	38HOSPITAL1E	786
Region 1	13409	IA	Webster City	40HOSPITAL1E	786
Region 1	13410	IA	Iowa Falls	42HOSPITAL1E	786
Region 1	13411	IA	Newton	50HOSPITAL1E	786
Region 1	13412	IA	Marshalltown	64HOSPITAL1E	786
Region 1	13413	IA	Des Moines	77 BRDLAWN1E	786
Region 1	13414	IA	Des Moines	77IMMC1E	786
Region 1	13415	IA	Des Moines	77 ILH 1E	786
Region 1	13416	IA	Des Moines	77MRCY DSM1E	786
Region 1	13417	IA	West Des Moines	77MRCY WL1E	786
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Region 1	13422	IA	Fort Dodge	94HOSPITAL1E	786