



February 13, 2026

Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

Emergency Rooms Are Overflowing, and It's Affecting Care

"Walking into an emergency department (ED) these days can be jarring. Patients lined up in the hallways await care, harried nurses and doctors doing all they can to triage and tend to those patients, and emotions running high all around."

Why the Joint Commission's 2026 National Performance Goals redefine staffing as patient safety

"This month, The Joint Commission (TJC) will roll out its restructured National Performance Goals (NPGs) alongside Accreditation 360, a fundamentally different accreditation model focused on continuous readiness rather than gearing up for surveys once every few years."

Neurodevelopmental origins of age-related neurodegenerative diseases

"Evidence suggests that AD/DRD arises from a lifelong interplay of genetic, lifestyle, and environmental factors, with recent findings indicating potential neurodevelopmental origins."

Congress Releases Bicameral Fiscal Year 2026 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill

“This week, Congressional leaders released the bill text and joint explanatory statement of the bicameral and bipartisan agreement reached on Fiscal Year 2026 Labor-HHS funding, which includes responsible funding levels of federal public health programs important to local health departments.”

Are Clinicians Missing Postpartum Traumatic Stress?

“The traumatic experience of childbirth refers to the patient’s subjective perception of her own delivery. Acute traumatic stress is the phase of shock experienced when a trauma occurs in the acute setting, which can then lead to PTSD.”

Changes to SNAP Under HR 1 and the Implications for Food Insecurity

“The new law (HR 1; Public Law 119-21) introduces major structural shifts, including large benefit cuts, expanded time limits, and increased financial responsibility for the states. Together, these changes are expected to cause millions of people to lose all or part of their SNAP benefits.”

Kratom 101: What You Need to Know

“Kratom products have grown increasingly popular over the past decade despite FDA warnings about severe risks.”

Upcoming MESH Educational Offerings

Emergency Preparedness & Resilience Coach

It doesn’t take a hurricane to disrupt a life. When resources are already limited, even small disruptions can have big consequences. This course helps you understand where real needs begin—with everyday vulnerabilities—and how to meet them through simple, powerful steps. **This isn’t just disaster training. It’s people training—practical, human-centered, & real.**

Cohorts open in April, & June 2026 | 4-week program | One 3-hour session per week | Virtual via Zoom | Free, Grant Funded

Q1 MESH Grand Rounds | Water Woes: A Hospital's Response to the Immediate Loss of Water

This presentation will:

- Provide participants with an approach to regional water distribution that impacts multiple healthcare and healthcare support locations across a coalition.
- Discuss key considerations for facilities to mitigate water disruptions and impacts to key systems within the campus.
- Share lessons learned on overcoming local challenges within healthcare during a water outage.

February 17, 2026 | 1-2pm EST | Virtual Via Zoom | Free & Open to the Public

Talk Saves Lives TM: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Because starting the conversation can save a life.

March 11, 2026 | 10-11am EST | Free

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Upcoming MESH Conference Presentations

International Association of Police Chaplains - Region 4 Conference

Dr. Jim Floyd is presenting "The Chaplain's Toolkit for Grief Group Leadership."

March 9-11, 2026

Events

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