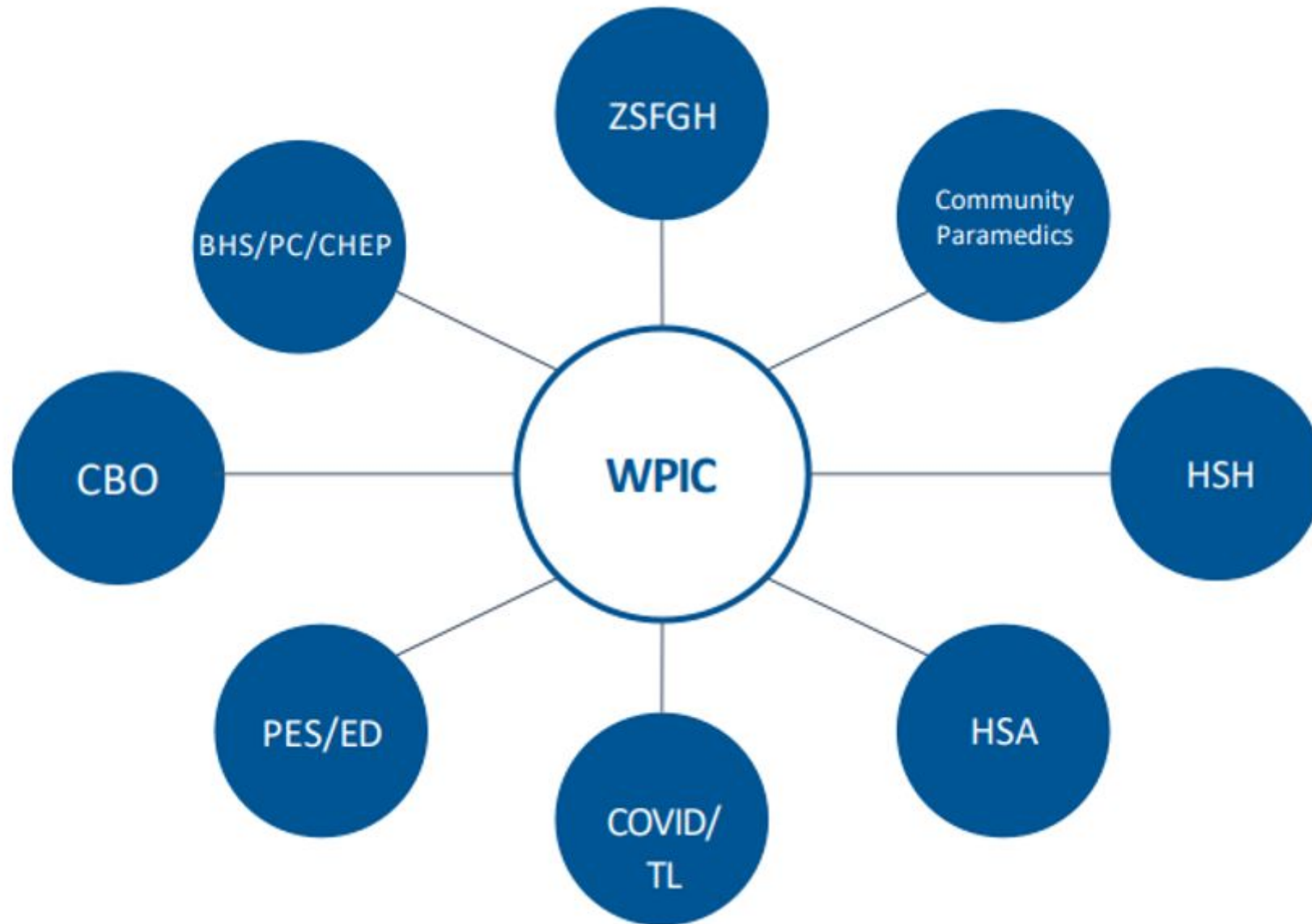


EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONSIDERATIONS ON RESPONDING TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER





Rhode Island Criteria Definition:

Broadly defined, an EMS run is considered to be opioid overdose-related if it meets one of the following criteria:

1. Primary or secondary impression is overdose related **AND** naloxone is in the medication-given dropdown;
2. Primary or secondary impression is overdose related **AND** terms for both naloxone **AND** unresponsive are in narrative;
3. Naloxone is in the medication given dropdown **AND** medication response is improved; or
4. Terms for both naloxone **AND** unresponsive are in the narrative **AND** medication response is undocumented; or
5. Naloxone was given prior to EMS **AND** who administered it is not a null value

For consistency with CDC reporting requirements, an EMS run is excluded if it is an interfacility transfer, the patient is determined to be biologically dead upon arrival, or the patient's age is 10 and younger.

Paramedic Patient Care Reports that meet the Rhode Island Criteria

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2023	4,557
2024	3,276
2025	2,290*
*2025 data is from Jan. 1 through Sept. 6 2025 is tracking within 3% of 2024 trend.	

2024 AVERAGE 911 RESPONSES PER DAY

Community
Paramedicine
Division

56

Overdose

19

NEEDS

Community Paramedicine Division

24/7 access to a facility that can bridge individuals overnight or through the weekend.

- Withdrawal management on site

Overdose

Overdose receiving facility

- Transport to Alternate Destination