HRSA Emergency Response
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Agenda

• Overview of Federal Public Health and Medical Response and Recovery
• HRSA’s Role in Response and Recovery
• Information and Resource Flow
• Key Takeaways
Federal Emergency Response

Emergency Support Function (ESF) Annexes
ESF #1 – Transportation
ESF #2 – Communications
ESF #3 – Public Works and Engineering
ESF #4 – Firefighting
ESF #5 – Information and Planning
ESF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing, and Human Services
ESF #7 – Logistics
ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services
ESF #9 – Search and Rescue
ESF #10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials Response
ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources
ESF #12 – Energy
ESF #13 – Public Safety and Security
ESF #15 – External Affairs

National Response Framework
Third Edition
June 2016
Federal Emergency Response

Federal Government

Other States

State Government

Other Localities

Local Government

Non-governmental organizations

Event

ESF #8 - Public Health and Medical Services
Federal Emergency Response
ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Core Functional Areas
• Assessment of public health/medical needs
• Health surveillance
• Medical surge
• Health/medical/veterinary equipment and supplies
• Patient movement
• Patient care
• Safety and security of drugs, biologics, and medical devices
• Blood and tissues
• Food safety and defense
• Agriculture safety and security
• All-hazards public health and medical consultation, technical assistance, and support
• Behavioral health care
• Public health and medical information
• Vector control
• Guidance on potable water/wastewater and solid waste disposal
• Mass fatality management, victim identification, and mitigating health hazards from contaminated remains
• Veterinary medical support
HRSA’s Role in Response

• Information management
  o Impact on program participants’ operations
  o Subject matter expertise and impact on populations
  o Subject matter expertise on programs

• Clinical care support

• Programmatic technical assistance
  o Flexibilities
  o Change of Scope

• Personnel

• Administration of supplemental funding
Information and Resource Flow
ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services (simplified)

ESF #8 Incident Management Team → Federal Health Coordinating Official (ESF #8)

State EMA → Department of Health (ESF #8)

Local EMA → Department of Health (ESF #8)

NGOs → Program Participant

PCAs

ASPR → Secretary’s Operations Center

Secretary’s Operations Center → HRSA EOC → HRSA Administrator

NDMS Disaster Medical Assistance Teams
Strategic National Stockpile
USPHS Commissioned Corps

Project Officer → Bureau Liaison
HRSA’s Role in Response
Programmatic Technical Assistance: BPHC Web Site

Bureau of Primary Health Care

Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Resources for Health Centers

Health centers play a critical role in providing community of care to support communities during and after natural or manmade emergencies that affect the United States or its territories. Emergencies also affect health centers.

- **Change in Scope of Project to Add a Temporary Site:** Health centers may request a change in scope of project to add a temporary clinic or clinic to respond to emergency events through a streamlined process outlined in the Program Assistance Letter (PAL) (PDF - 85 KB).
- **Drill in the 340B Drug Program:** Following a Public Health Emergency Declaration by the HHS Secretary, HRSA allows eligible entities in affected areas to immediately enroll for the 340B Drug Program. To enroll, contact the 340B Program Director at 1-866-340-2787. 
- **Feds and Tort Claims Act Health Center Policy Manual**: Provides additional guidance related to emergencies in Section 2.4 of the Health Center Policy Manual. 
- **Emergency Preparedness and Response Resources for Health Centers** (PDF - 494 KB)
- **The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid-Matched Providers:** (PDF - 309 KB)

If you have questions about PCCOs, contact the Health Center Program Support Office or by phone 877-464-6772 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM, ET. For specific questions related to your Health Center Grant or scope of project, please contact your Project Officer.

HRSA’s Role in Response
Programmatic Technical Assistance: EOC Web Site

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- **Change in Scope of Project to Add a Temporary Steele**: Health centers may request a change in scope of project to add a temporary Steele that is required to handle emergency events by a summer project or a non-financial process outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

- **EOC Plan**: EOC Plan is a public health Emergency Declaration by the HHS Secretary. The EOC Plan is activated within 24 hours of a declared emergency. The EOC Plan provides guidance to health centers on how to respond to an emergency event.

- **EOC Web Site**: The EOC Web Site is a hub for resources and information related to emergency preparedness and response. The site provides resources for health centers, including guidance on how to prepare for and respond to emergencies.
Federal Disaster Recovery

Recovery Support Functions
Community Planning and Capacity Building
Economic
Health and Social Services
Housing
Infrastructure Systems
Natural and Cultural Resources
Federal Disaster Recovery
Health and Social Services

Core Mission Areas
• Public health
• Healthcare services
• Environmental health
• Behavioral health
• Food safety and regulated medical products
• Social services
• Referral to social services/disaster case management
• Long-term recovery impacts to first responders
• Children in disasters
HRSA’s Role in Recovery

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Key Takeaways

• All disasters are local

• HRSA program participants (e.g., health centers) should:
  o Have an organizational and site-level emergency management plans and exercise them
  o Participate in local and state emergency management planning and exercises
  o Participate in healthcare coalitions
  o Develop relationships
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