Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response: Overview

Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act

Emergency Support Function #8

HHS Roles, Responsibilities and Emergency Authorities

Response Assets
VISION: A Nation prepared to prevent, respond to and reduce the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters

MISSION: Lead the Nation in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters
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Office of Resource Planning and Evaluation

Office of Medicine, Science, and Public Health

Office of Policy, Strategic Planning, and Communications

Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority

Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
ASPR

| Strategy Map |

## Our Mission
Lead the Nation in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters.

## Our Vision
A Nation prepared to prevent, respond to, and reduce the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters.

## Our Goals
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- Provide Medical, Scientific, and Public Health Subject Matter Expertise and Leadership
- Enhance Strategic Communications
- Improve the Coordination, Development, and Implementation of Policy
- Improve the Coordination, Development, and Implementation of Strategic Plans and Initiatives
- Improve Understanding of Strategic Planning, Development, and Implementation
- Improve Knowledge Management
- Establish and Optimize Acquisition System
- Plan and Allocate Resources Strategically
- Improve Financial Performance
- Improve and Expand Grants Management Capabilities
- Improve Quality Management
- Enhance the Preparedness and Response Infrastructure
- Coordinate and Facilitate Development of International Preparedness and Response Capabilities
- Lead the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise
- Integrate and Facilitate the Delivery of Human Services
- Attract and Expedite Hiring of Qualified Candidates
- Recognize Staff Accomplishments
- Optimize Information Management
- SERVICE TO THE NATION ♦ TEAMWORK ♦ LEADERSHIP ♦ INTEGRITY
Codifies HHS as lead of Federal public health and medical response to public health emergencies and National Response Framework incidents.

Directs HHS to enter into an interagency agreement with the Departments of Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs and Transportation to assume operational control of Federal public health and medical personnel and assets during incidents.

Creates a new Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response:
- Senate confirmed position;
- Principal advisor to the Secretary on public health and medical preparedness and response;
- Deployment authority for Federal personnel;
- Oversees advanced research, development, and procurement of qualified countermeasures; and
- Coordinates public health and medical response systems with Federal, State, local, Tribal and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.
ASPR has “authority over and responsibility for”:
– National Disaster Medical System
– Hospital Preparedness Cooperative Agreement Program

Creates the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority

ASPR shall “exercise the responsibilities and authorities of the Secretary with respect to the coordination of”:
– Medical Reserve Corps
– Emergency System for the Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals
– Strategic National Stockpile
– Cities Readiness Initiative

ASPR leads in international preparedness and response initiatives and activities

Starting in 2009 and every four years, the Secretary shall submit the National Health Security Strategy and implementation plan for public health emergency preparedness and response, to include an evaluation of progress of Federal, State, local, and Tribal entities based on the evidence-based benchmarks and objective performance standards.
Provides countermeasures for the civilian population against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats, pandemic influenza, and emerging infectious diseases by product requirement setting, product development, stockpile acquisition/building, manufacturing infrastructure building, and product innovation.
HHS Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise

National Biodefense Science Board

NIH | BARDA | BARDA and CDC | CDC | CDC and OPEO

Research and Development | Advanced Development | Acquisition | Storage/Maintenance | Deployment | Utilization

PHEMCE COORDINATED PLANNING & EXECUTION

NIH National Institutes of Health
FDA Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Our goal is a robust enterprise-wide capability with a focus on regional response to support communities.
National Response Framework: Organization

Core Document

Doctrine, organization, roles and responsibilities, response actions and planning requirements that guide national response

- Emergency Support Function Annexes: Mechanisms to group and provide Federal resources and capabilities to support State and local responders
- Support Annexes: Essential supporting aspects of the Federal response common to all incidents
- Incident Annexes: Incident-specific applications of the Framework
- Partner Guides: Next level of detail in response actions tailored to the actionable entity
ESF #8 is led by HHS and consists of personnel and assets from the Department, as well as personnel and assets from our Support Agencies:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Defense
- Department of State
- Department of Energy
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Agency for International Development
- Environmental Protection Agency
- General Services Administration
- U.S. Postal Service
- Department of Labor
- American Red Cross
Emergency Support Function #8
Core Functional Areas

- Assessment of public health and medical needs
- Health surveillance
- Medical care personnel
- Health, medical, veterinary equipment and supplies
- Patient evacuation
- Patient care
- Safety and security of drugs, biologics, and medical devices
- Blood and blood products
- Food safety and security
- Agricultural safety and security
- All hazard public health and medical consultation
- Behavioral health
- Public health and medical information
- Vector control
- Potable water/wastewater and solid waste disposal
- Mass fatality management
- Veterinary medical support
National Disaster Medical System

A Nationwide Medical Response System to:

- Supplement state and local medical resources during disasters or major emergencies
- Provide backup medical support to the military and Veterans medical care systems during an overseas conventional conflict

A public / private sector partnership
The Spectrum of Care & Phased Deployment

**Acronyms**
NDMS = National Disaster Medical System
PHS = U.S. Public Health Service

**NDMS Hospitals Department of Defense**

**NDMS**

**PHS Rapid Deployment Force Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Medical Reserve Corps**

**PHS Mental Health Team**

**PHS Applied Public Health Team Strategic National Stockpile**

**Volunteers**

- Food / Water Safety
- Drug / Blood Safety
- Health Surveillance
- Mental Health
- Basic First Aid
- Pre-hospital Care
- Outpatient Care
- Nursing Home Care
- Emergency Departments
- Hospital Inpatient Care
- ICU / Trauma Critical Care
- Fatalities Management
- Delivery of Medical Countermeasures
- Health Surveillance
- Mental Health
- Basic First Aid
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Response Operations 2008

Public Health and Medical Responses (9)
- Salmonella Outbreak (Colorado)
- Midwest Floods
- Hurricanes Gustav, Hanna and Ike

National Security Special Events (12)
- State of the Union
- Papal Visit
- Democratic and Republican National Conventions
- G-20 Summit

International Support (2)
- China Earthquake
- Christmas Island Air Evacuation Support
Sustained and Multiple Response
Operations and Logistics Capability

Dallas, TX
5 DMAT Teams
5 DMAT RX Caches
5 DMAT Pt Tmnt

College Station, TX
2 FMS Sets
Staged by TX State

Austin, TX
IRCT

San Antonio, TX
2 FMS Sets
2 RDF Blue / Gold

Laredo, TX
1 FMS Set
1 RDF Tiger

Brownsville, TX
6 person DMAT

Corpus, TX
6 person DMAT

Alexandria, LA
2 RDFs: RDF2/3
2 FMS Sets
3 DMAT RST

Baton Rouge, LA
2 RDF (MS / RDF3)
2 FMS Sets
7 DMAT Teams

Mobile, AL
1 DMAT Teams
2 DMAT Caches
2 DMAT Pt Tmnt

Atlanta, GA
8 DMAT Teams
1 ALRT Team
1 RDF Team (Team X)
3 DMAT Caches
2 DMAT RX Caches
1 DMAT Pt Tmnt
6 FMS Sets
6 FMS RX
2 EMR Kits

Frederick, MD
2 DMAT Caches
5 DMAT Pt Tmnt

Orlando, FL
2 DMAT Caches
2 DMAT RX Caches
2 DMAT Pt Tmnt
1 EMR Kit
1 Comm Package
4 FMS Sets

Homestead, FL
2 DMAT Caches
2 DMAT RX Caches
2 DMAT Pt Tmnt
4 Strike Team Kits

Region 6 Totals:
12 DMAT Teams
11 DMAT Caches
10 FMS Sets

Team Staging:
Equipment Staging:

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Sustained and Multiple Response Operations and Logistics Capability
International Partnerships:
- Security and Prosperity Partnership
- Global Health Security Initiative

International Projects / Programs

International Notification and Response:
- International Health Regulations (World Health Organization)
- Reconstruction and Stabilization (Department of State)
- International HHS Response Framework

International Policy Coordination:
- Pandemic Influenza / Emerging Infectious Diseases
- Biological / Chemical Non-Proliferation
Opportunity to provide a unifying vision of health security

Define and articulate the various pieces of health security and how they fit together and integrate with health reform

Guide coordination among various departments, agencies, programs

Integrate existing strategies

Set priorities for future investments

“...every 4 years the Secretary of HHS [shall] submit to Congress a comprehensive national health security strategy. Similar to the Quadrennial Defense Review conducted by the Department of Defense, this section requires the Secretary of HHS to evaluate future challenges to national public health security and outline a strategy and plan for public health and medical preparedness and response…”

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