

C. Healthcare Planning Overview

Healthcare Planning provides guidance for healthcare partners regarding response plans, communications, patient triage, and surge capacity. Planning for the provision of healthcare in non-hospital settings is also addressed. This section comprises:

- Guidance on pan flu planning to healthcare entities (hospitals, long term care facilities, home care agencies, emergency medical services, primary care centers, private health professionals, alternate care sites)
- Mechanisms to address obstacles to healthcare planning, such as altered standards of care (and related liability), ethical issues associated with the allocation of scarce resources, health insurance payment issues, command and control of healthcare resources, and waiver of state regulations (Continuing dialogue is occurring for these issues and updates will be added to this plan as they become available.)
- Emergency call centers for health care providers
- Alternate care sites for screening, triage and treatment (including deployment of tent system) with provision of related policies and procedures
- Strategic State Stockpile resources
- Support for training and exercises for the healthcare response, including the Medical Reserve Corps volunteers