Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)
Locally Driven. Health Care Prepared.

WHAT IS HPP?

HPP is a cooperative agreement (CoAg) program administered by ASPR’s National Healthcare Preparedness Programs (NHPP) Branch. It establishes the foundation for national health care readiness, promotes a consistent national focus to improve patient outcomes during emergencies, and enables rapid health care service resilience and recovery. Since 2002, investments administered through HPP have improved individual health care entities’ preparedness and have built a system for coordinated health care system readiness and response through health care coalitions (HCCs). These coalitions work collaboratively with critical partnerships, such as the Regional Disaster Health Response System (RDHRS) demonstration project and the National Special Pathogen System (NSPS).

These coalitions and partnerships operate and coordinate activities across the local, state, regional, and federal level to ready health care delivery systems for disasters and emergencies – including developing mechanisms for effective patient movement, communicating situational awareness, and providing resource-sharing across disparate health care entities. HPP enables individual facilities and coalitions to access a truly national response network, enabling the health care system to save lives and protect Americans from 21st-century health security threats.

HPP’s work moves ASPR towards achieving the 2017-2022 Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities which represent the ideal state of readiness in the United States and include 1) Foundation for Health Care and Medical Readiness, 2) Health Care and Medical Response Coordination, 3) Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery, and 4) Medical Surge.

WHY IS HPP IMPORTANT?

When disaster strikes, the NHPP Branch’s investments in health care readiness and response through HPP keep health care systems running. HPP is the only source of federal funding for health care delivery system readiness. HPP-funded activities act as a catalyst for integrated planning, training, and preparedness investments.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

An integrated local and regional response is critical to saving lives during the COVID-19 pandemic. HCCs are using a portion of existing federal funding through the annual HPP Cooperative Agreement as well as new sources of funding, such as COVID-19 emergency supplemental funding (a total of $390M), to support collaboration efforts among hospitals and other health care entities on the front lines.