Financing Healthcare for Children in Emergencies: Understanding Barriers

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- ASPR leads the nation in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters.
- Focuses on preparedness planning and response; building federal emergency medical operational capabilities; countermeasures research, advance development, and procurement; and grants to strengthen the capabilities of hospitals and health care systems.
- Runs the National Disaster Medical System.
National Health Security Strategy

Achieving National Health Security

Goals
- Build community resilience
- Strengthen and sustain health and emergency response systems

Strategic Objectives
- Informed and empowered individuals, communities
- National health security workforce
- Integrated, scalable health care delivery systems
- Situational awareness
- Timely and effective communications
- Effective countermeasures enterprise
- Prevention/mitigation of environmental, other health threats
- Post-incident health recovery in planning and response
- Cross-border and global partnerships
- Science, evaluation, quality improvement

Operational Capabilities
What are the “costs” to a health care system during a disaster of PHE?

• Unanticipated expenses
• Business interruption
• Increase proportion of uncompensated care
• Decrease demand for services
• Lost revenue
• Lost workforce

• Damaged reputation
• Liability
How do we “pay” for preparedness now?

Grants

Cost of Doing Business
How is care during disasters paid for now?
How can we make preparedness and integral part of the *entire* US health care system?
Increase the value
• Align incentives
• Focus on “dual-use” activities

Decrease the cost
• Collaboration/Coalition Building
• Coopetition
• New Partnerships
Day to day emergency care is the foundation of preparedness…

“If you can’t do it everyday, you won’t be able to do it on game day.”

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