



United States Department of
Health & Human Services



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



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- § Response Assets



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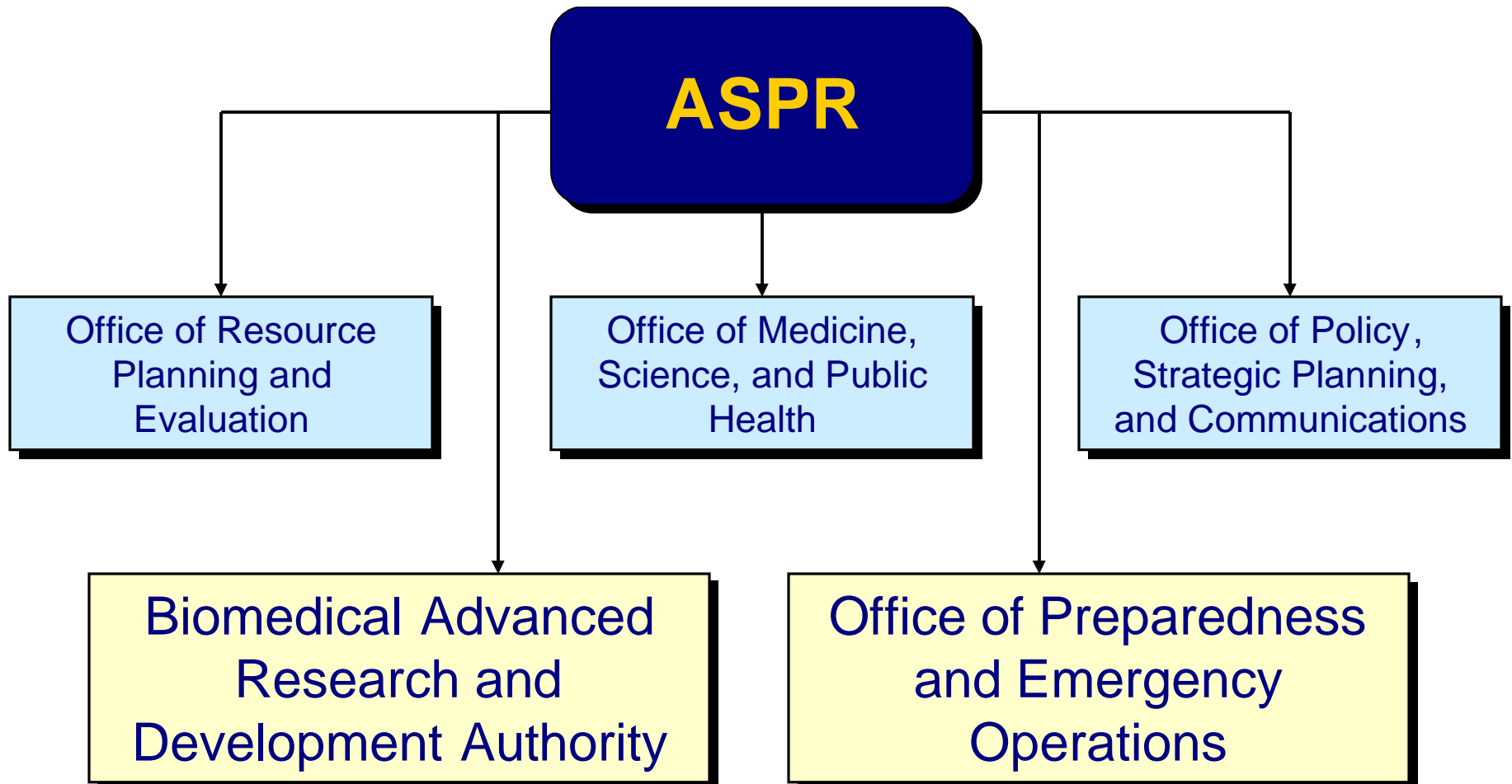
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Strategy Map

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response ASPR

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	<i>Community Preparedness and Prevention</i>	<i>Public Health Partnerships</i>	<i>Federal Response Capability</i>			
Stakeholders & Those We Serve: To achieve our Vision and Mission, how must we satisfy our Stakeholders and Those We Serve?	Lead and Promote Strategic Partnerships	Educate Public Health and Healthcare Professionals and Scientists	Empower the Public	Enhance the Preparedness and Response Infrastructure		
Internal: To satisfy our Stakeholders and Those We Serve, in which internal processes must we excel?	Improve the Coordination, Development, and Implementation of Policy	Improve Coordination, Timeliness, and Effectiveness of Preparedness Planning and Response Operations	Lead the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise	Coordinate and Facilitate Development of International Preparedness and Response Capabilities		
Learning & Growth: To achieve our goals and excel in our internal processes, how must we learn and grow together?	Provide Medical, Scientific, and Public Health Subject Matter Expertise and Leadership	Enhance Strategic Communications	Improve the Coordination, Development, and Implementation of Strategic Plans and Initiatives	Integrate and Facilitate the Delivery of Human Services	Attract and Expedite Hiring of Qualified Candidates	Improve Quality Management
Resources: To effectively utilize resources, what resource management objectives must we accomplish?	Improve Knowledge Management	Focus and Align Training, Education, and Career Development	Recognize Staff Accomplishments	Optimize Information Management		
	Establish and Optimize Acquisition System	Plan and Allocate Resources Strategically	Improve Financial Performance	Improve and Expand Grants Management Capabilities		

SERVICE TO THE NATION ♦ TEAMWORK ♦ LEADERSHIP ♦ INTEGRITY



Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act

- § 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.



Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (continued)

- § 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.



Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority

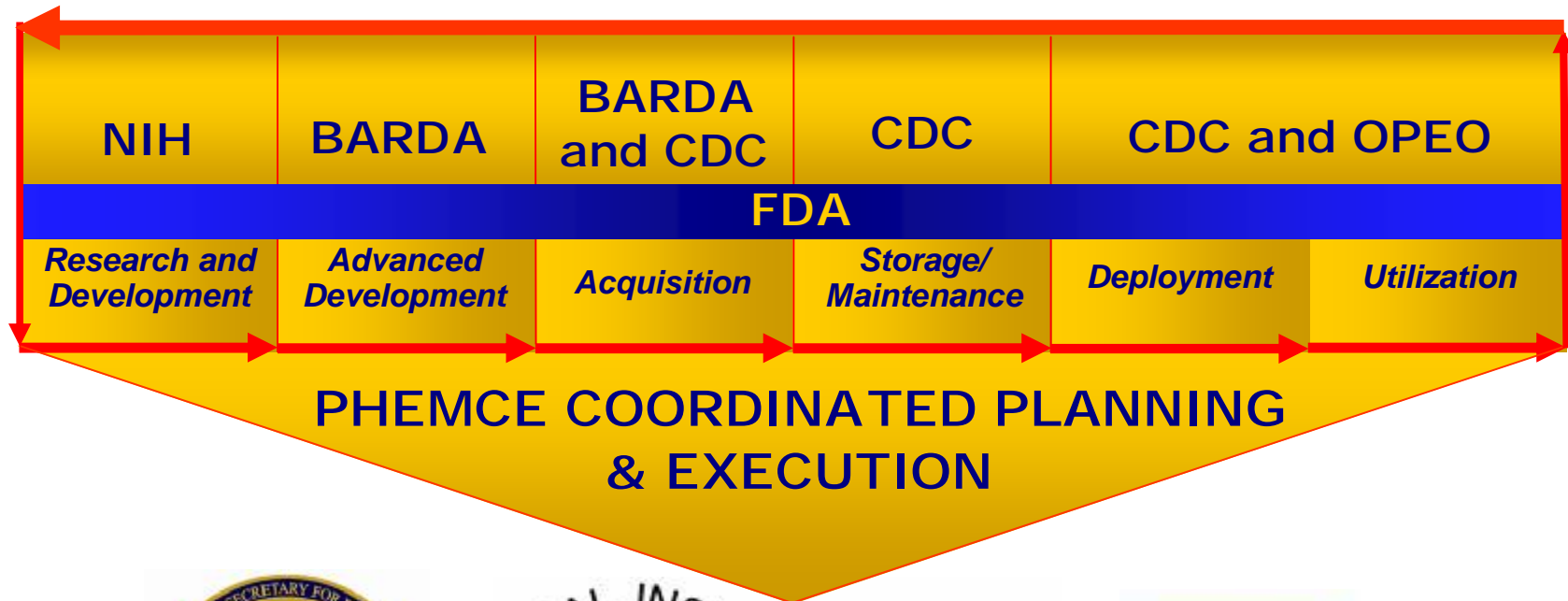
§ Provides countermeasures for the civilian population against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats, pandemic influenza, and emerging infectious diseases by product requirement setting, product development, stockpile acquisition/building, manufacturing infrastructure building, and product innovation.





HHS Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise

National Biodefense Science Board

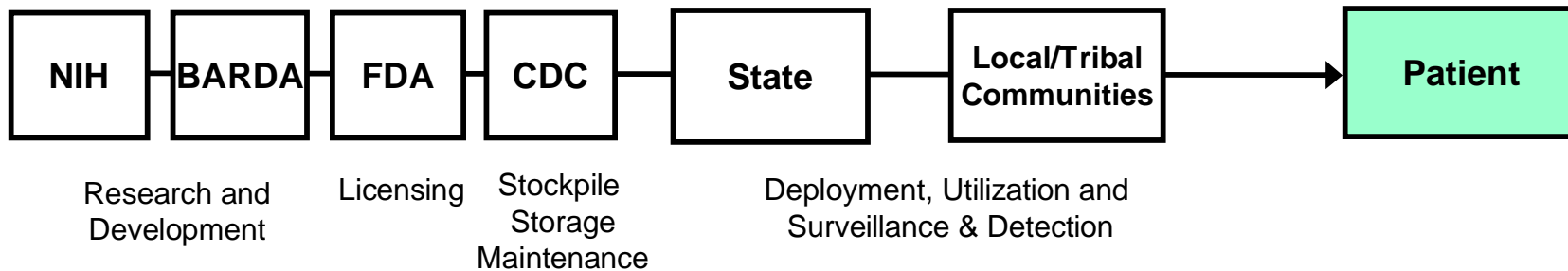




Our goal is a robust enterprise-wide capability with a focus on regional response to support communities

Federal Response:
A Regional Approach

Regional Emergency Coordinators	Emerg. Sys. for the Adv. Reg. of Vol. Health Professionals	Medical Reserve Corps
National Disaster Medical System	Hospital Prep. Grants (ASPR)	State & Local Grants (CDC)



Enhancing Preparedness and Response

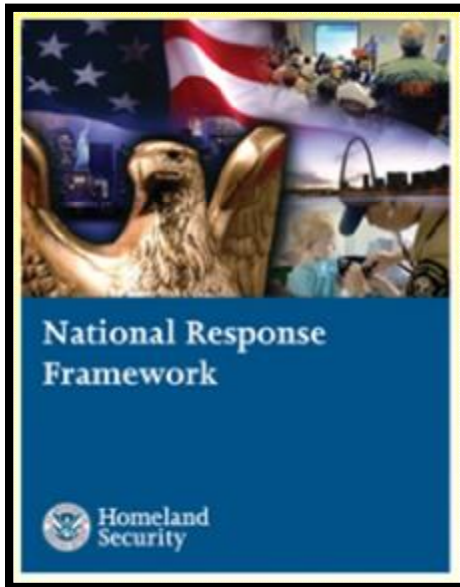
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Coordination





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



Emergency Support Function #8 Public Health and Medical Services

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:

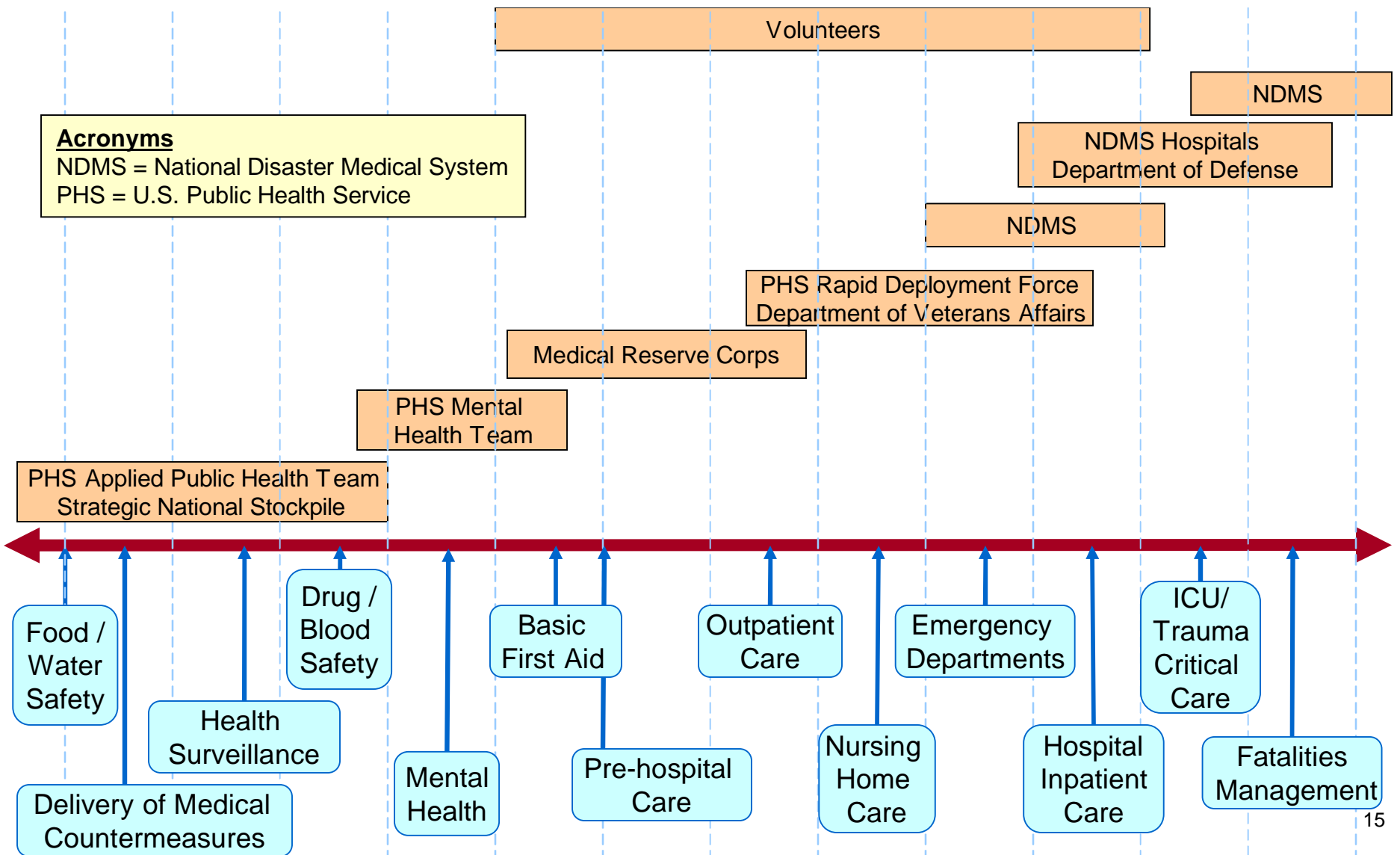
- § Supplement state and local medical resources during disasters or major emergencies
- § Provide backup medical support to the military and Veterans medical care systems during an overseas conventional conflict



A public / private sector partnership



The Spectrum of Care & Phased Deployment





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





Global Health Security

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



National Health Security Strategy

- § 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...”

Senate Report on Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (as introduced)