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Fire and Emergency Management for Healthcare Facilities

Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (LTC-MAP) for Evacuation and Resources/Assets

The Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (LTC-MAP) is a state-wide or region-wide agreement among participating long term care facilities to provide pre-planned assistance to each other at the time of a disaster. This assistance may come in the form of:

- Providing alternate care sites for residents evacuated from a disaster-struck facility
- Providing supplies, equipment, staff or pharmaceuticals to a facility when a disaster overwhelms their own community and isolates the facility.

Benefits to facilities who are members of the LTC-MAP (this includes Fire, EMS, etc.)

- Preplanned Evacuation Strategy - fast (i.e. fire) / extended (i.e. Hurricane/Tornado)
- Preplanned Supply, Equipment, Staff and Pharmaceutical Support when Isolated
- Provides local public safety Incident Commanders with easy on-site access to user friendly plans including contact information for evacuation resources and key personnel
- Provides the local EMS commander with resources needed to efficiently identify, transfer and track residents to **pre-designated** receiving sites and facilities
- Development of proactive Communications for All Parties (Healthcare, Emergency Agencies).
- Meets Department of Health and Joint Commission exercise requirements
- Become a part of a state-wide or multi-state long-term care Mutual Aid Plan

Since all disasters start locally, the state-wide LTC-MAP is broken down into Regional MAPs that operate independently from each other, yet, in a disaster that overwhelms an entire region, would activate to support one another. **The LTC-MAP will be customized for each region with a focus on the unique resources and response capabilities of a specific area, yet the objective is for consistency across single or multiple states.**

Plan members will include:

- Nursing Homes
- Assisted Living Residences
- Senior Independent Living

Once the Regional MAP is completed and operational, the Regional Task Force will evolve into a Steering Committee to manage the Regional MAP. The Steering Committee will maintain plan data, support regional drills, communicate to plan members, and conduct quarterly meetings.

An important note: *Even if a facility is a member of a city-wide Mutual Aid Plan or is part of a corporation that has evacuation plans in place with other corporate facilities, this plan will supplement those existing resources when the local plan or corporate plan is overwhelmed by a regional disaster.*

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