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Lead Agency for Health Care Preparedness and Response

- Developing Awareness
- Coordinating Planning
- Coordinating Resources
- Providing Resources
- Liaison Between Local and Federal Partners
- Liaison With Other States (Region IV Coordinating Cell)
Forecasted Impact of Pandemic Influenza

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<th>Characteristic</th>
<th>Moderate (1958/68-like)</th>
<th>Severe (1918-like)</th>
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<td>Illness (30%)</td>
<td>1.35 million</td>
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<td>Outpatient Medical Care (50%)</td>
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<td>Hospitalization</td>
<td>12,375</td>
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<td>ICU care</td>
<td>1,931</td>
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<td>Mechanical ventilation</td>
<td>973</td>
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<td>Deaths</td>
<td>2,125</td>
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Based upon Table 1 of HHS Planning Assumptions

Patient Transfer Center

- Cooperative effort between the Alabama Hospital Association, Alabama Nursing Home Association and ADPH
- Monitors bed availability and type at hospitals, nursing homes, medical needs shelters and other facilities during public health emergencies
- Provides resource information on EMS units
- Provides information to appropriate agencies regarding need and availability of medical resources.
AIMS

- Tracks bed availability in hospitals, nursing homes, medical needs shelters and other locations as well as capacity within the EMS system.
- Tracks resources at facilities including staff and supplies.
- Allows for immediate requests for assistance or offers of assistance.
**MISSION**

The mission of a Medical Needs Shelter is to provide a shelter of last resort during emergency conditions for persons with conditions requiring medical/nursing oversight and who cannot be accommodated in a general population shelter. The MNS is housed in a secure facility with sustainable power, water, sanitation, and limited food service.

A “Secure” facility is:

1. Structurally appropriate
2. Staffed by security personnel
3. Not in mandatory evacuation zone or high risk area
Who Will Be Seeking Care in the Medical Needs Shelter?

- People with minor health/medical conditions who require professional observation, assessment, and maintenance but who do not require institutional care.
- People with chronic stable conditions who may require assistance with the activities of daily living but who do not require institutional care.

Medical Needs Shelters State Agency Responsibilities

Medical Needs Shelters require a multi-agency effort.

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Patient Cots with disposable linens
Mobile Medical Stations

ADPH Achieves “Green” Status on SNS Readiness

Volunteer Network
Spontaneous
Unsolicited
Volunteers
ADPH Volunteer Network assures:

- appropriate, timely services where needed during a disaster
- proper training, credentials, and safety
- efficient dispatch of personnel, supplies, and equipment
- effective, professional communications
- Limited liability protection for volunteers

Keeping Volunteers Engaged
Volunteer Symposium

Volunteer Teams:

- Medical Reserve Corps
- Medical Needs Shelter Teams
- Administrative Response Teams
- Hospital Response Teams

Regional ESF-8 Coordinating Cell

- Coordinates Regional Assets
- Does not replace EMAC
- Allows for a smoother, more effective ESF-8 regional response
Questions???

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