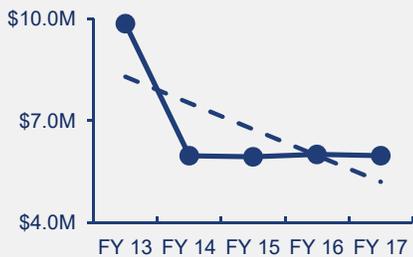


# HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

# GEORGIA

## HPP FUNDING

**39% decrease in funding since FY 2013**



## HIGHLIGHTS

- In FY 2017, the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH) provided direct funding to the state's 14 health care coalitions (HCCs). With this funding, coalitions are becoming more autonomous and beneficial to their communities. An additional percentage of HPP funding indirectly supports coalition development with contractual support.
- HCCs in Georgia (GA) have developed strong relationships over the years. In addition to strong core membership engagement, GA's HCCs have excellent participation by long-term care, dialysis, and other health care agencies. Partnerships are the strongest characteristic of GA's HCCs.

## SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE: Hurricane Matthew

In the fall of 2016, Hurricane Matthew blazed in from the Atlantic and made landfall in GA. During this event, GDPH and the state's 14 HCCs entered response mode. Coalitions met daily to share information and situational awareness updates. When evacuation from the coast was implemented, coalitions pinged their health care partners to assist GDPH, EMS, and the Georgia Hospital Association to find beds and place all the patients. This incident proved that partnerships are the most valuable aspect of health care coalitions.

## FY 2018 PRIORITIES

- Direct funding to coalitions is increasing to approximately 57%. This is a huge step for HCCs as they take their next step towards autonomy through the development of a business-like posture.
- The big push in 2018-2019 is to fine-tune GA's HCCs into response mode. The 14 HCCs already respond regularly, but plans are now being developed and solidified.
- GDPH and the HCCs will continue to strengthen partnerships through quarterly HCC meetings and the annual Region IV HCC Conference held in Savannah, GA.



**14** Health Care Coalitions

## HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of hospitals



of Emergency Medical Services



of public health departments



of emergency management organizations

## Regional Treatment Network for Ebola and Other Special Pathogens

**5** Ebola Assessment Hospitals

**3** Ebola Treatment Centers

**1** Regional Ebola and Other Special Pathogen Treatment Center