HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

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HPP FUNDING

![Graph showing 39% decrease in funding since FY 2013]

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Mississippi (MS) uses HPP funding to build a robust preparedness and response network to support its over 3 million residents.
- State health officials provided three Regional Medical Surge Trainings in 2020.
- Communication improved with the MS Emergency Support Function 8 Healthcare Coalition (MEHC) (e.g., resource needs through inventory, information sharing, daily bed counts).
- MS utilized pre-planned alternate standards of care during its medical response.
- MS worked with groups throughout the state to communicate with health care facilities.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

With training on the National Incident Command System, response personnel were quickly mobilized and utilized in cross-functional manners in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This operational readiness allowed for the state to adapt in accordance with the rapidly evolving event. The clearly delineated chain of command permitted the insertion of secondary and tertiary section chiefs without disrupting or otherwise hindering the state’s response efforts.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- MS coordinated with local officials, law enforcement, emergency management, Department of Transportation, and the National Guard to provide testing to remove the demand from local health care providers.
- The Mississippi State Department of Health, having already established a cloud-based reporting and communication system, quickly and efficiently obtained daily reports from hospitals throughout the state to include all essential elements of information (EEI). These reports helped MS allocate and deliver supplies and equipment to medical facilities when normal procurement avenues proved ineffective.

1. Health Care Coalition

FY19 end-of-year data, HCC count, and map as of 6/30/2020. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in MS.

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