The Hospital Preparedness Program is supported through eight [Healthcare Coalitions](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71548_54783_54826_56171-237197--,00.html#hcc).  These coalitions work with local partners within each region to prepare hospitals, emergency medical services, and supporting healthcare organizations to deliver coordinated and effective care to victims of terrorism and other public health/healthcare emergencies. Each region maintains one full-time regional coordinator and one part-time medical director.

District 1 Regional Medical Response Coalition (D1RMRC) can provide planning, education, and exercise resources to assist healthcare organizations with emergency preparedness. We coordinate with hospitals, public health, emergency medical services, long term care, dialysis and community partners to maximize medical surge capacity and capability for an emergency or disaster. A variety of information can be found at our [website.](http://www.d1rmrc.org/)

We would like to provide you or colleagues a time to share with the healthcare coalition your understanding of the CMS emergency preparedness [requirements](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Emergency-Prep-Rule.html) and challenges identified by association members. The Operations workgroup meets the first Tuesday of every month, here at our District 1 office from 12:45-1:30 p.m. Teleconferencing is available if you are unable to attend these meetings in person.

Emergency management [coordinators](http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-72297_60152_66814---,00.html) have responsibilities that include planning for hazard, risk identification, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery in local jurisdictions. Because of the nature of the services home health care organizations provide, it is important that local emergency managers be made aware of each home care organization services and needs.

A [Handbook](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/FINALHOME_HEALTH_EMERGENCY_PREPAREDNESS_PL_2FINAL_484105_7.pdf) to Assist Home Health Care Providers in Emergency Preparedness Planning has been provided by Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response. The purpose of this handbook is to assist Michigan home care agencies in writing, augmenting, and evaluating their emergency preparedness plans.

The Michigan Health Alert Network (MIHAN) is a secure web-based notification and information sharing system created by the State of Michigan to alert key personnel of conditions that could adversely impact the health and safety of Michigan's citizens. The system also provides situational awareness about important but non-emergency health-related information. Account [registration](https://michiganhan.org/) is easy and quick.

Medicare beneficiaries rely upon electricity-dependent medical and assistive equipment, such as ventilators and wheel chairs, and cardiac devices in our communities. Severe weather and disasters that cause power outages can be life threatening for these individuals. The [empower](https://empowermap.hhs.gov/) map provides the beneficiaries within communities.

[ASPR TRACIE](https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/) is a healthcare emergency preparedness information gateway that ensures that all stakeholders— federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and in the private sector—have access to information and resources to improve preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. Each domain provides users with unique, tailored support.

We look forward to partnering with you. Please contact us at your convenience.

Thank you

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