

Hospital Evacuation Procedure Golden Crescent Region

Texas Hospitals will request assets and / or additional assistance through the processes outlined in the State of Texas Emergency Management Plan.

1. If a hospital's evacuation plan fails and the hospital needs assistance with a destination location, transportation assets, supplies and / or staff to complete an evacuation, the hospital should follow the process listed below.
2. The hospital in question will notify the local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) of jurisdictional authority.
3. If the local EOC and / or Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is unable to meet the needs of the hospital, the local EOC/OEM will contact the Multi Agency Coordination System (MACS), as applicable and appropriate for the jurisdiction and consistent with the local emergency operations plan.
4. If the MACS is unable to meet the needs of the hospital or if it is not operational, the Disaster District Chair (DDC) will be contacted via the Regional Liaison Officer (RLO).
5. If the DDC is unable to meet the needs of the hospital, the DDC will contact the State Operations Center (SOC) for assistance.
6. The SOC, in conjunction with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), will coordinate DDC's requests with the Regional Medical Operations Center (RMOC) in San Antonio.

NOTE: It is noteworthy that the RMOC, working in conjunction with the SOC, DSHS, MACS and DDC for coordination, will significantly increase the efficiency of the health and medical requests and impact the number of requests being managed by the DDC.

Using the process above, the following items will be accomplished.

1. The SOC, through the RMOC, will determine bed availability by an electronic bed reporting process.
2. The SOC, through the RMOC, will determine a list of hospital patients by bed type and a list of assets that are available to assist with the evacuation.

3. The SOC will coordinate patient movement / evacuation through the RMOC.
4. The SOC will contact the RMOC and inform thereof the total number of patients that will be moved/evacuated from one region to another.
5. The RMOC, through the SOC, will be informed of the patients by bed type.
6. The RMOC(s) will be the responsible entity for coordinating patient movement and patient distribution between RMOC(s).
7. The RMOC will report back to the SOC the proposed patient destinations.
8. The SOC will coordinate/collaborate with the air/ground deployment teams to determine and establish available transportation resources.
9. The SOC will report to the evacuating hospital, via the RMOC, the transportation information and patient destination.