

Healthcare Coalitions in Florida

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a Healthcare Coalition (HCC)?
 - ✦ Healthcare Coalitions have been defined as “a collaborative network of healthcare organizations and their respective public and private sector response partners that serve as a multi-agency coordinating group to assist with preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities related to healthcare organization disaster operations.” -- Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities: National Guidance for Healthcare System Preparedness
 - ✦ In other words, Healthcare Coalitions are made up of healthcare partners within a community that come together to plan strategies for responding to local events. Healthcare Coalitions train and exercise together to maximize local capabilities related to disaster planning, response, recovery and mitigation.
2. Why is it important to build Healthcare Coalitions?
 - ✦ The development and sustainment of HCCs is a federal initiative and a requirement of the Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP) Cooperative Agreement funded by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). The purpose of HCCs is to ensure that local providers and other healthcare partners plan collaboratively for the risks facing the healthcare community and identify available local resources.
3. What essential partners must I include when building a Coalition?
 - ✦ The HCC must also encourage the involvement of local, community-based partners. These memberships are crucial for ensuring the coordination of preparedness, response, and recovery activities. Essential partner members include:
 - Hospitals and other healthcare providers;
 - EMS providers;
 - Emergency Management/Public Safety;
 - Long-term care providers;
 - Mental/behavioral health providers;
 - Private entities associated with healthcare (e.g., Hospital associations);
 - Specialty service providers (e.g., dialysis, pediatrics, woman’s health, stand-alone surgery, urgent care, home health);
 - Support service providers (e.g., laboratories, pharmacies, blood banks, poison control);

- Primary care providers;
- Community Health Centers;
- Public health;
- Tribal Healthcare; and,
- Federal entities (e.g., NDMS, VA hospitals, IHS facilities, Department of Defense facilities).

4. Who would I contact in my area to assist with building a Coalition?

- ✚ To contact any of the Regional Points of Contact (POCs) listed in the map below, please click here
BPR_HealthcareCoalitions@doh.state.fl.us

5. What Coalitions are currently established?

- ✚ Please click the object below to view the map or visit the Healthcare Coalitions of Florida website at Florida Department of Health, BPR, HCC*



6. Is funding available for establishing a Healthcare Coalition?

- ✚ HPP funding went primarily to acute care hospitals in the 13-14 grant period (the second year of a 5 year grant cycle). As we progress towards year five, funding will shift from individual hospitals to Healthcare Coalitions. Funding will be available to HCCs for development and sustainment, though the HCC should have a plan for its long term sustainment.

7. How would I go about receiving funding for a Healthcare Coalition?

- ✚ The methodology for funding Healthcare Coalitions for the 14-15 grant cycle is still under development. As soon as a methodology has been established, it will be posted on the Florida Healthcare Coalition website. Within the HCC, members will allocate funds based on the following criteria. <attach funding methodology or link>. It is important to remember that funding should be directed towards filling capability gaps identified by the HCC Risk Assessment.

8. Where can I find more information on Healthcare Coalitions?

- ✚ Please visit the [National Guidance for Healthcare System Preparedness January 2012](#) or [Florida Department of Health, BPR, HCC*](#) for more information on Healthcare Coalitions.

**Once official link is established the path will be inserted*

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