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# The Pennsylvania Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Program:

*A partnership between the*  
Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and  
The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania

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- ▶ The DOH initiated a partnership with HAP to help refine enhance and test individual health care facility preparedness activities and response plans.
- ▶ The HAP partnership helped to develop a regional coalition approach to health care preparedness across the state, building upon the membership and work of the existing nine Regional Task Force Health and Medical Structures.
- ▶ The partnership's activities supported coordination management and response to a variety of incidents and planned events impacting the health care facilities, health care system and communities at large.
- ▶ Contract Budget @ \$1.2M

- ▶ HAP is staffing the program with six regional managers and one vice president level statewide program director.
- ▶ The HAP staff is located regionally across the state. While managers have been assigned to specific regions, they routinely support each other and share in activities across regional lines.
- ▶ The HAP staff works closely with:
  - DOH
  - Emergency Management
  - Regional Task Force (RTF) Health and Medical Leadership
  - Regional EMS Councils
  - Partners in regional preparedness and response planning

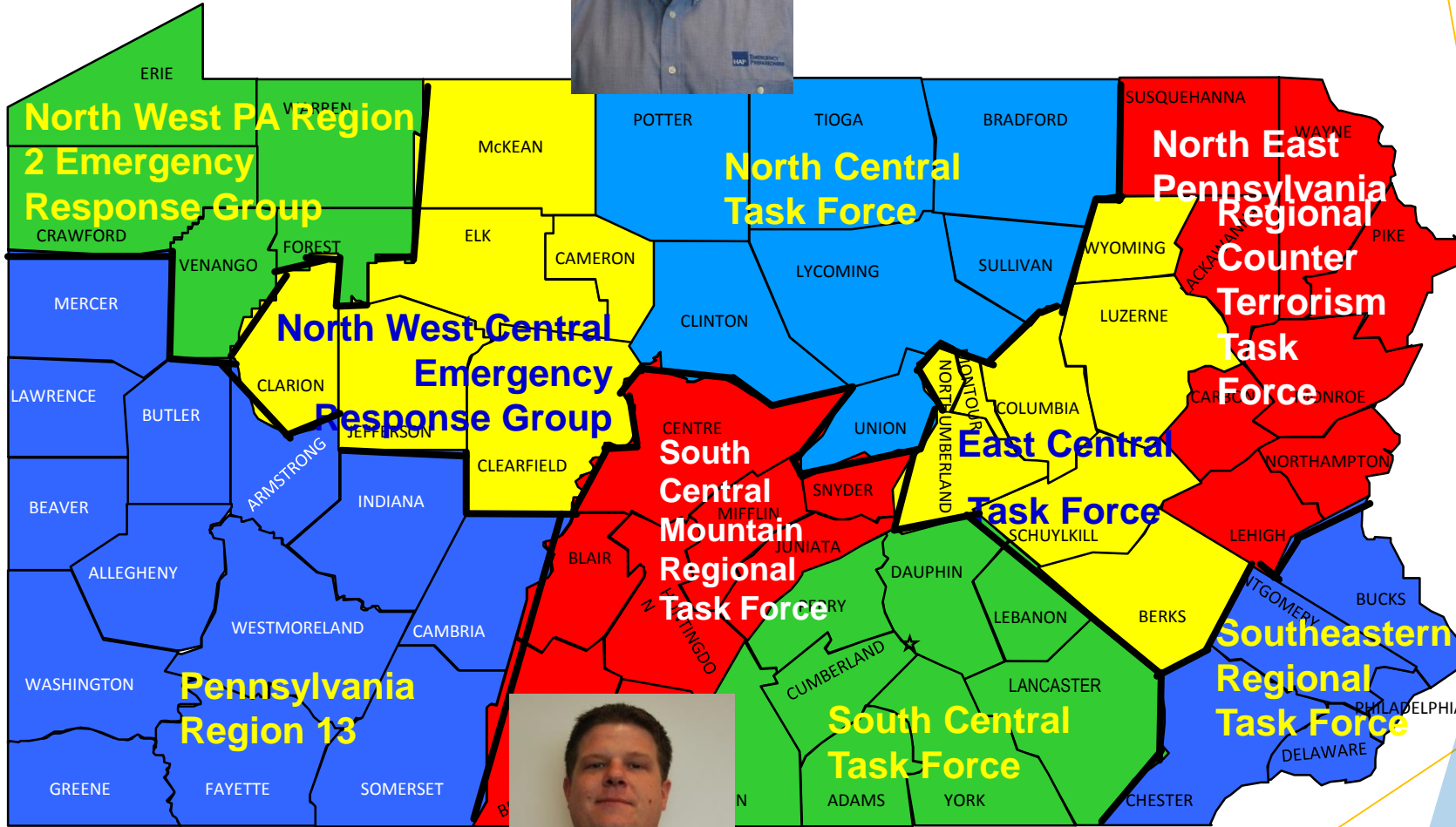
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The HAP team works directly with regional coalition members to support “Whole of Community” preparedness and response, to include:

- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Long-term care facilities
- ▶ Community health centers
- ▶ Ambulatory surgical centers
- ▶ Home care agencies
- ▶ Other health care facilities and agencies
- ▶ DOH, county and municipal public health
- ▶ Emergency management agency staff
- ▶ Task force health and medical leadership
- ▶ Regional EMS councils
- ▶ Partners in regional preparedness and response planning



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- ▶ In March 2011, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published the *Public Health Preparedness Capabilities: National Standards for State and Local Planning* which define public health preparedness capabilities and establish national standards.
- ▶ In January 2012, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response published the *Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities: National Guidance for Healthcare System Preparedness* which define health care preparedness capabilities and establish national standards.
- ▶ Together, these documents serve as resources for public health and health care preparedness programs throughout the nation.



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## Hospital Preparedness Program Capabilities 2012:

- ▶ Health Care System Preparedness
- ▶ Health Care System Recovery
- ▶ Emergency Operation Coordination
- ▶ Fatality Management
- ▶ Information Sharing
- ▶ Medical Surge
- ▶ Responder Safety and Health
- ▶ Volunteer Management



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## Partnership Activities and Accomplishments Over the Past Five Years:

- ▶ The DOH/HAP partnership has:
  - Helped to build, enhance, and test regional and individual health care facility preparedness activities, training, and response plans
  - Supported individual facility and regional hazard vulnerability assessments
  - Guided implementation, training, and administration of the Knowledge Center
- ▶ PA's Healthcare Information Management System has:
  - Developed and managed Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement and coordinated responses
  - Provided staffing for "Health and Medical Operational Support" at local, regional, or state levels





# Responses

## Department of Health and Human Services OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL: HOSPITAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DURING SUPERSTORM SANDY OEI-06-13-00260 – PA Hospitals and HAP programs –



- ▶ Area Hospitals Treat Passengers Following Deadly Train Derailment [CBS 3 Local](#) May 13, 2015 7:30
- ▶ Amtrak derailment disaster tests Philly hospitals May 15, 2015, 3:50pm EDT [John George](#) Philadelphia Business Journal
- ▶ Disaster drills helped Philadelphia hospitals respond to Amtrak train crash, City's hospitals called best prepared in the state. May 15, 2015 | By [Zack Budryk](#) Fierce Health




**Ebola Prep, Response, Coordination**

## The HAP staff work with regions' (Health Care Coalitions) (HCC)

- ▶ Provide Operational Support activities at HCC level
  - Support evolution and maturation of coalition and diversity of membership
  - Support development of coalition plans
  - Support implementation of coalition projects and activities
  - Support coalition exercises
- ▶ Continue to support/advise DOH BPHP and health care facilities
  - Continue to support and administer Knowledge Center
  - Continue to support and manage the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement
- ▶ Provide Financial Management for HCC's (Total HCC Budgets \$3.2M)
  - Development of HCC budget processes and budgets
  - Provide HCC financial planning, management and reporting
  - Provide purchasing of budgeted and approved supplies, equipment, and services for HCCs
- ▶ Provide staffing for "Health and Medical Operational Support" at local, regional or state level
- ▶ Contract is for @\$4.9M / year (Including the \$3.2M noted above for HCC activity)

# References and Resources



**2017 HPP-PHEP Cooperative Agreement  
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Fast Facts  
CDC-RFA-TP17-1701**

ASPR and CDC have developed HPP and PHEP strategies for the next five-year project period to improve the readiness of state, local, and territorial public health and health care systems to reduce the threats to the community's health and safety and to save lives during emergencies that exceed the day-to-day capacity and capability of the public health response systems.

**At-A-Glance**

- Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-TP17-1701
- Project Period Length: 5 years
- Current Budget Period Length: 12 months
- Current Performance Period: July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2022
- Current Budget Period Funding:
  - HPP - \$228,500,000
  - PHEP - \$611,750,000
- Eligible Applicants: Current 62 HPP and PHEP Awardees
- Funding Application Deadline: 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, April 4, 2017
- Application Submission: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- Anticipated Award Date: July 1, 2017

**Awardee Information Calls**

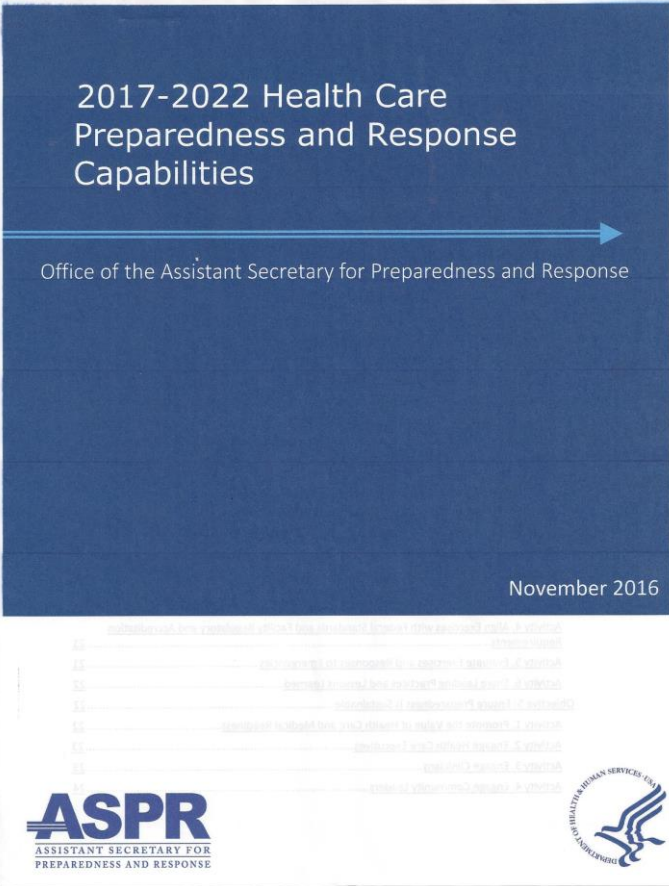
- Wednesday, February 8, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST
- Monday, February 13, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST

**Application Submission Requirements**

Following is a list of attachments awardees **must** upload as PDF files as part of their application at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Awardees may not attach documents other than those listed; if other documents are attached, applications will not be reviewed.

- Table of Contents for Entire Submission
- HPP Project Abstract
- PHEP Project Abstract
- HPP Project Narrative
- PHEP Project Narrative
- HPP Work Plan (high-level plan)
- HPP Domain Work Plan
- PHEP Work Plan (high-level plan)
- PHEP Domain Work Plan



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**2017-2022 Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities**

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

November 2016



**2017 HPP Performance Measures**

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

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## Hospital Preparedness Program Capabilities 2017:

- ▶ Foundation for HCC and Health Care Readiness
- ▶ Health Care and Medical Response Coordination
- ▶ Continuity of Health Care Operations
- ▶ Medical Surge Management
- ▶ Strengthen Information Management

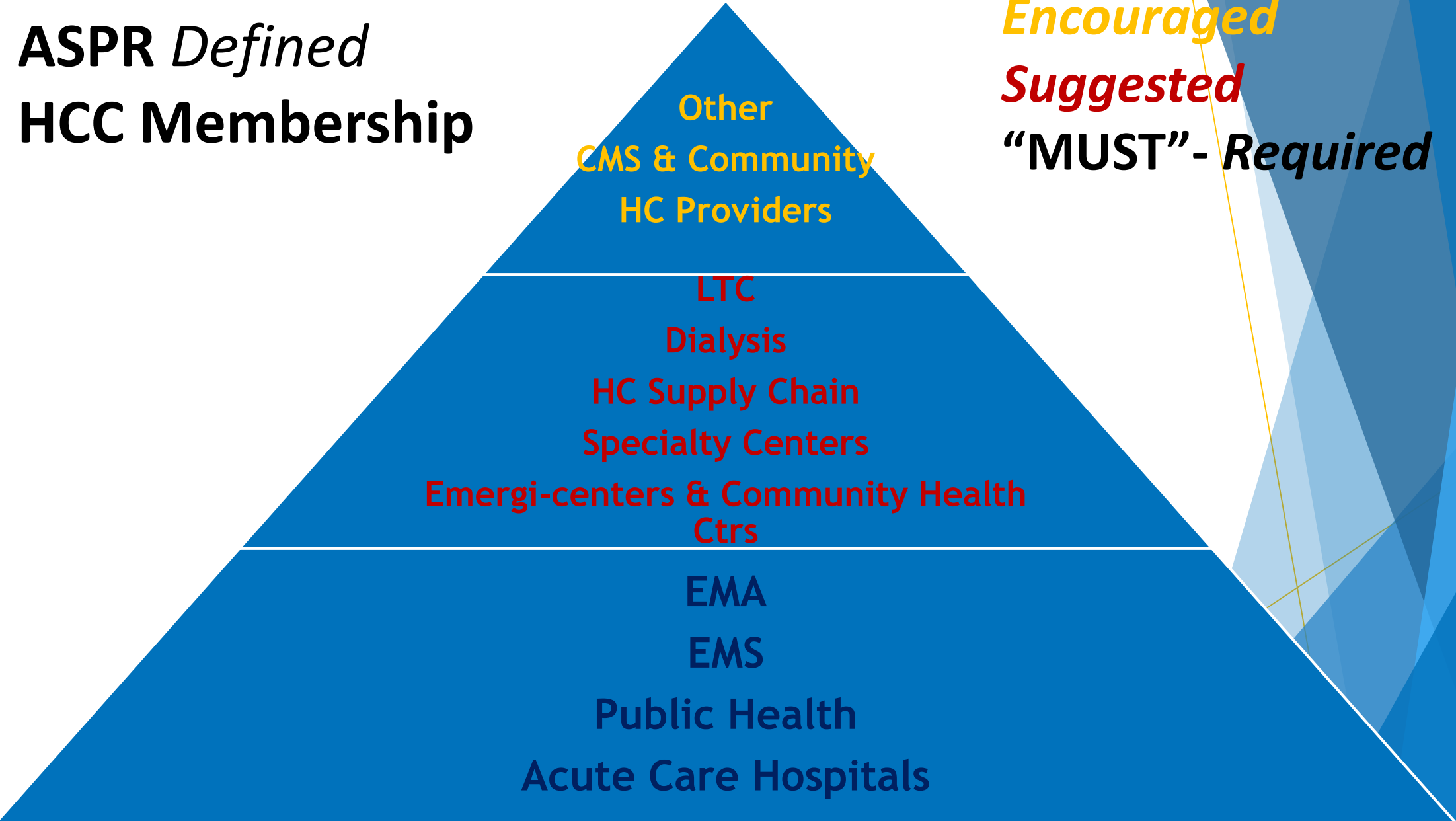


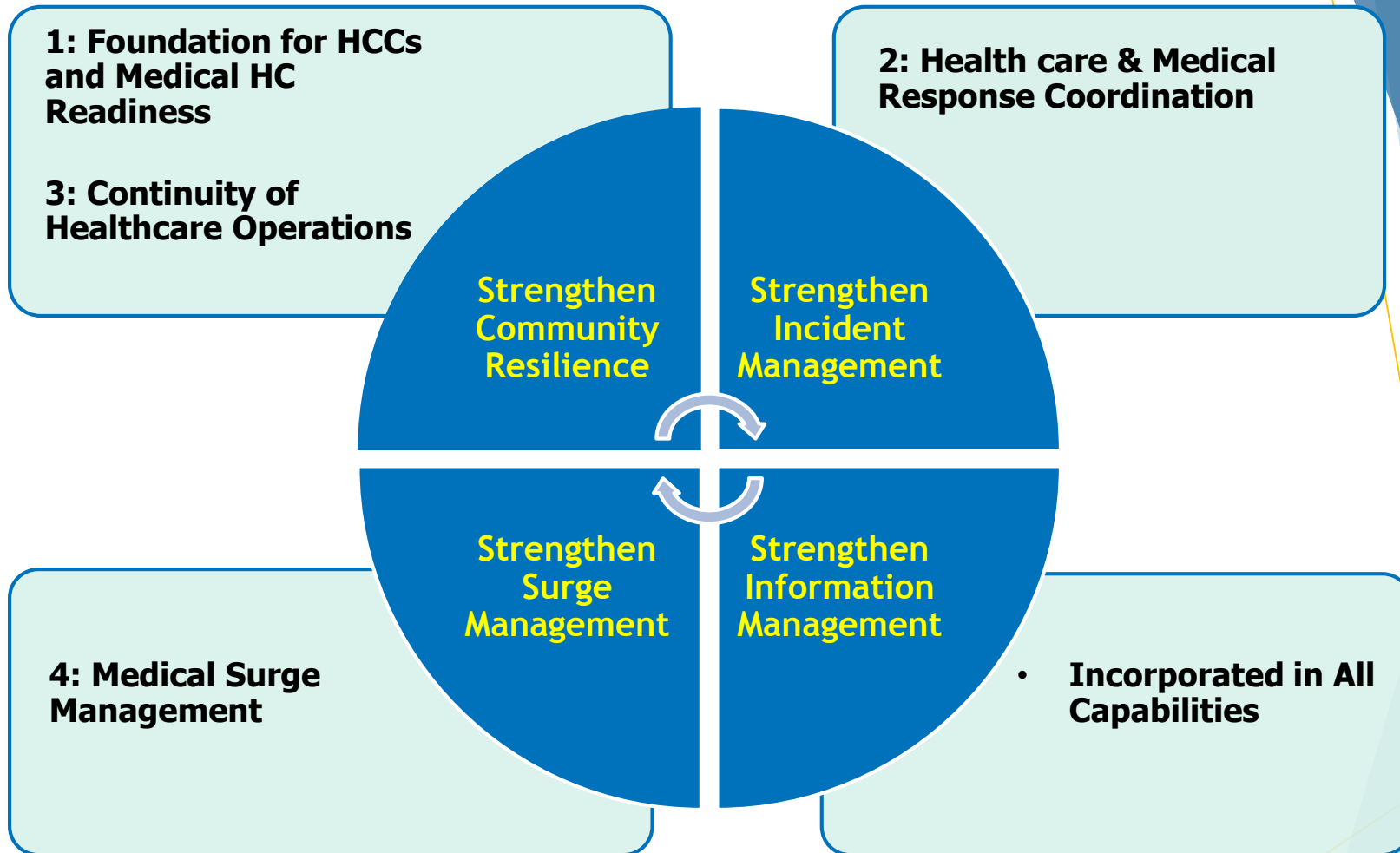
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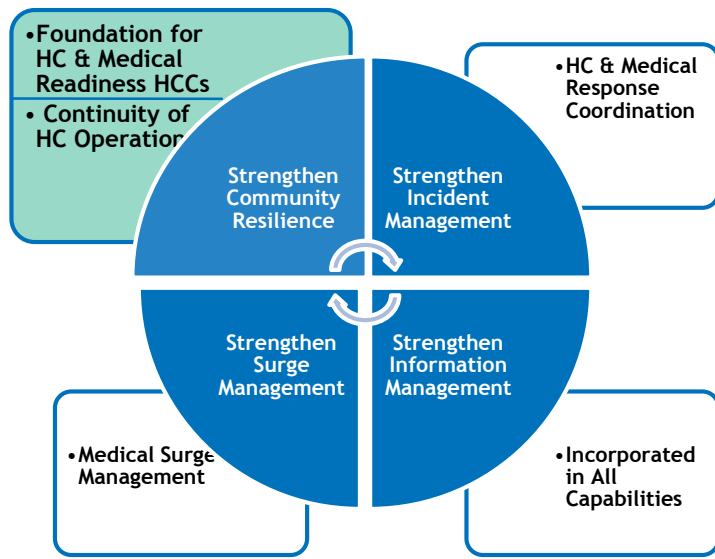
For the past five years the DOH/HAP Hospital Preparedness Partnership has:

- ▶ Promoted health care facility preparedness
- ▶ Built the foundation for regional health care coalitions
- ▶ Established information sharing capabilities that have been recognized as best practices
- ▶ Responded to and successfully managed a wide array of emergencies and events impacting health care facilities with no to minimal impact on the ability to provide quality health care to the commonwealth's residents

**ASPR Defined  
HCC Membership**







## Capability 1: Foundation for HC & Medical Readiness

Objective 1: Establish and Operationalize HCCs

Objective 2: Identify Risk and Needs

Objective 3: Develop a HCC Preparedness (strategic) Plan

Objective 4: Train and Prepare Healthcare and Medical Workforce

Objective 5: Ensure Preparedness is Sustainable

## Capability 3: Continuity of Healthcare Services Delivery

Objective 1: Identify Essential Functions for Health Care Delivery

Objective 2: Plan for Continuity of Operations

Objective 3: Maintain Access to Non-personnel Resources during an Emergency

Objective 4: Develop Strategies to Protect Health Care Info Systems and Networks

Objective 5: Protect Responders (Receivers) Safety and Health

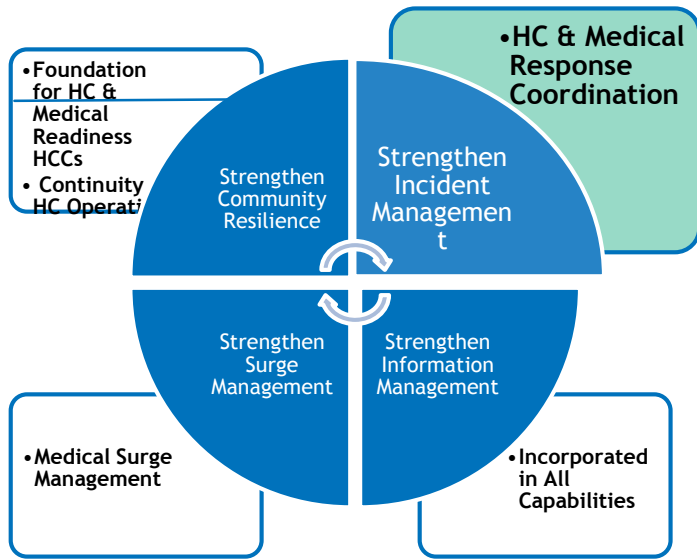
Objective 6: Plan for Coordination of HC Evacuation and Relocation

Objective 7: Coordinate Health Care Recovery



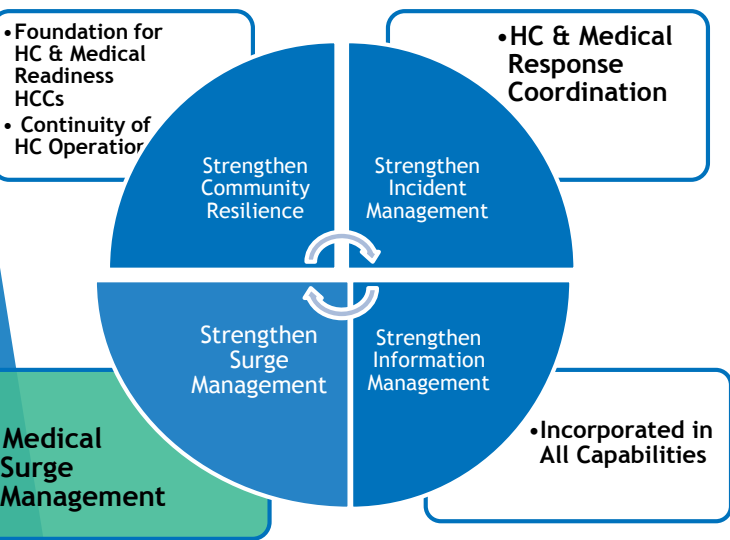
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## Capability 2: HC & Medical Response Coordination

- Objective 1: Develop and Coordinate HC Organization and HCC Response Plan
- Objective 2: Utilize Information Sharing Procedures and Platforms
- Objective 3: Coordinate Response Strategy, Resources, and Communications



## Capability 4: Medical Surge Management

- Objective 1: Plan for a Medical Surge
- Objective 2: Respond to a Medical Surge