n. Hospital Evacuations Procedures

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

If a hospital's evacuation plan(s) fails and needs assistance with a destination location, transportation assets, supplies and/or staff to complete an evacuation, the hospital should follow the below process:

1) The hospital in question will notify the local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) of jurisdictional authority.

2) If the local EOC/OEM is unable to meet the needs of the hospital, the local EOC/OEM will contact the regional medical operations center (RMOC), Trauma Service Area (TSA), or the Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MACG), as applicable and appropriate for the jurisdiction and consistent with the local emergency operations plan.

3) If the MACG and/or RMOC/TSA are unable to meet the needs or it is not operational, the RMOC/TSA will contact the DSHS Multi Agency Coordination Center (MACC).

4) The DSHS Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) is a support function of the SOC and will be responsible for coordinating patient movement using the following process:

   a) The MACC through the RMOC/TSAs will determine hospital bed availability by an electronic bed reporting process.
   b) The MACC through the evacuating RMOC/TSAs will determine a list of hospital patients by bed type and a list of assets that are available to assist with the evacuation.
   c) The MACC will coordinate patient movement/evacuation through the RMOC(s) or TSAs.
   d) The MACC will contact the receiving RMOC(s) or TSAs and inform them of the total number of patients that will be moved/evacuated from one region to another.
   e) The receiving RMOC(s) or TSAs, through the MACC, will be informed of the patients by bed type.
   f) The RMOC(s) or TSAs will be the responsible entity for coordinating patient movement and patient distribution to area hospitals between RMOC(s)/TSAs.
   g) The receiving RMOC/TSA will report back to the MACC the proposed patient destinations.
   h) The MACC will coordinate/collaborate with the air/ground deployment teams to determine and establish available transportation resources.
   i) The MACC will report to the evacuation hospital, via the evacuating RMOC/TSA, the transportation information and patient destination.
Bed Availability
(Hospitals)

Evacuating Hospital

Local Trauma Service Area (TSA)

DSHS MACC

Evacuating Hospital transports patients to accepting hospital within own TSA

Determine bed availability with other TSAs

Accepting TSA assigns patients to hospitals Based on availability

Coordinate transport of patients to accepting Hospital(s) w/ Air/Ground Coordination Team

NO

YES