Expanding Hospital Participation in Federal Coordinating Centers

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Welcome!

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• Review the VHA definitive medical care memorandum of agreement and the financial reimbursement structure supporting hospital participation in a FCC.
Today’s Presenter

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NDMS FCC and Definitive Care Hospitals

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Area Emergency Manager/FCC Coordinator
National Response Framework

• Implements the Stafford Act
• Enacted in March, 2008; integrates and replaces the former Federal and National Response Plans.
• Contains 15 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs).
• Primary ESF under which VA resources may be requested is “Public Health and Medical Services” (ESF #8).
• OEM involved in planning of VHA support and coordination of requested resources in an emergency.
• NIMS and ICS
National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)

• VA, DoD, HHS, DHS (FEMA)
  – Medical Response (HHS DMATs and other teams)
  – Evacuation (DoD Airlift)
  – Patient Reception (VA and DoD FCCs)
  – Definitive Care – Coordinated by DoD and VA medical facilities that are designated as Federal Coordination Centers.

• OEM AEMs have primary responsibility in the assigned VA FCCs for coordination and planning of NDMS with the private sector.
Federal Coordinating Center (FCC)

A facility located in a metropolitan area of the United States responsible for day-to-day coordination of planning and operations in one or more assigned geographic NDMS Patient Reception Areas (PRAs).
NDMS Federal Coordinating Centers (FCCs)
Florida’s FCCs
Tampa Primary Receiving Area (PRA)
FCC Tampa

- James A. Haley VAMC
- FCC Coordinator: Rick Rhodes
- PRA- Tampa International Air Port
- Key Supporting Agencies:
  - Tampa Fire Rescue
  - Hillsborough County EOC
  - Hillsborough County DOH
- NDMS Partner Hospitals- 63 (Prior to newest MOA Release)
- Current Activities: NDMS MOA Updates, FCC/NDMS Steering Committee, Plan Rewrite, TTX planning FY 19
Miami Primary Receiving Area (PRA)
FCC Miami

- Bruce W. Carter VAMC
- FCC Coordinator: Darryl Stevenson
- PRA-United State Coast Guard Miami Air Station Opa-Locka, FL
- Key Supporting Agencies:
  - Miami Veterans Affairs Healthcare System
  - Miami-Dade EOC
  - Miami-Dade Police Department
- NDMS Partner Hospitals-30
- Current Activities: NDMS MOA Update, Plan Rewrite, Redeveloping response resources
Jacksonville Primary Receiving Area (PRA)
FCC Jacksonville (DoD)

- Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS JAX)
- FCC Coordinator: Dana Shropshire
- PRA- Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS JAX)
Expansion of Participation in Florida
Possible Misconceptions

• FCCs are for Patient RECEPTION only – there is no such thing as a “Reverse FCC”

• Determination on which evacuees require medical care and hospital admission are done by physicians at the hospital, not the patient reception area

• VA coordinates the FCC activity, but HHS manages the program. Discharge and final disposition of evacuees are coordinated by the HHS Service Access Team (SAT).
There are a total of 5534 hospitals registered in the AHA database (as of 2016).

Currently there are 1900 NDMS Hospitals with MOAs across the US (or 1/3 of available hospitals).

ASPR would like to expand the capacity of participating Hospitals to assist in bolstering their new Regional Response Initiatives.
NDMS Hospitals and Coalitions

Map of Registered Hospitals in the United States
Data source: 2016 AHA Annual Survey Database

5,534 Hospitals
NDMS Hospitals and Coalitions
Expansion of NDMS Parameters

- Radius of distance from patient reception site increased from 50 miles to 75+

- Strong interest in signing up more hospitals, especially US west coast

- Allows for facilities to support multiple PRS’s under the same MOA

- Incorporation of FEMA air ambulance providers allows for more “routine” hospital to hospital transfers under NDMS umbrella
Be Prepared for Anything
National Disaster Medical System

Definitive Medical Care Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
MOA – See Handout

1. Parties of the Agreement

2. Authority

3. Purpose
4. Responsibilities

5. Reimbursements – Discussed in detail later on

6. NDMS Division Director

7. Points of Contact
8. Other Provisions

9. Effective Date

10. Information Laws
11. Termination

12. Signatures

- For the NDMS Federal Partners- FCC Director- VAMC Director
- For the NDMS Health Care Facility- CEO or Designee
Reimbursements
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Reimbursements, subject to the availability of appropriations, will be limited to care provided for:

- Injuries or illnesses resulting directly from a specified public health emergency;
- Injuries, illnesses and conditions requiring essential medical treatment or services necessary to maintain a reasonable level of health when such medical treatment or services are temporarily not available as a result of the public health emergency;
- Injuries or illnesses affecting authorized emergency response and disaster relief personnel responding to the public health emergency.
Reimbursements (Cont.)

- The HHS, as payer, will define the “NDMS patient.” An “NDMS patient” is usually a person who may be processed and regulated through the FCC to an NDMS participating health care facility or provider.

- The following table identifies the various providers, sources of funding for NDMS health care facility reimbursement, and the order of payment.

- The Provider agrees to seek reimbursement in accordance with this table. The NDMS will reimburse the Provider for medical treatment or services rendered by the Provider as indicated in the following table.
# Table 1: Any NDMS Participating Health Care Facility Reimbursable under Medicare Part A

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<th>Patient's Insurance Status</th>
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<th>Reimbursement Rates for NDMS Participating Health Care Facilities</th>
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<td>Uninsured</td>
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<td>NDMS will pay remaining amount not to exceed 110% of Medicare Part A. Facility will submit Explanation of Benefits (EOB) to NDMS in order to receive 10% Administration Fee</td>
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<td>Dual Eligible (As defined by the Center for Medicare &amp; Medicaid)</td>
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Table 2: Individual Health Care Provider Reimbursable under Medicare Part B

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<tr>
<th>Patient’s Insurance Status</th>
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Table 3: Health Care Facility or Health Care Provider Covered by Medicaid but not Medicare Part A/Part B

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| Uninsured                 | NDMS                             | N/A                               | Health Care Facility: 110% of receiving State’s Medicaid rate  
Health Care Provider: 100% of receiving State’s Medicaid rate |
| Medicaid                  | NDMS                             | N/A                               | Health Care Facility: 110% of receiving State’s Medicaid rate  
Health Care Provider: 100% of receiving State’s Medicaid rate |
| Medicare                  | NDMS                             | N/A                               | Health Care Facility: 110% of receiving State’s Medicaid rate  
Health Care Provider: 100% of receiving State’s Medicaid rate |
| Dual Eligible             | NDMS                             | N/A                               | Health Care Facility: 110% of receiving State’s Medicaid rate  
Health Care Provider: 100% of receiving State’s Medicaid rate |
| Other Insurance or Health Program Coverage (Other than Medicaid, Medicare, or TRICARE) | Other Insurance | NDMS | Health Care Facility: 110% of receiving State’s Medicaid rate less any payments received from Other Insurance or Health Program Coverage.  
Health Care Provider: 100% of receiving State’s Medicaid rate less any payments received from Other Insurance or Health Program Coverage. |
| TRICARE                   | TRICARE                          | N/A                               | Not eligible |
| VA Medical Coverage       | VA                               | N/A                               | Not Eligible |
Questions/Discussion

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