MISSOURI NON-URBAN HEALTHCARE COALITION FRAMEWORK

HCCs are promoted as a method to prepare for and respond to incidents among diverse healthcare organizations (HCOs) within a geographic region. The role of HCCs is to communicate and coordinate; HCCs should never replace or interfere with official command and control structure authorized by state and local emergency management.

The role of the HCC in response is to represent member healthcare organizations by providing multi-agency coordination support to incident management through information and resource coordination for healthcare organizations. The primary method for this communication and coordination will be virtual through the use of EMResource® and Missouri radio networks. All coalition members have the ability to monitor the status of each coalition through EMResource®.

Currently, there are five outstate Missouri healthcare coalitions, structured primarily on the Missouri highway patrol troops and emergency management planning regions. Your organization’s coalition liaison can be found on Page 1 of this resource and further information regarding the HCC in your area can be found on the right hand side of this resource guide.

The following are descriptions for each coalition status, which are listed in the order of escalation, with activation being the most robust operational status. (Barbera & Macintyre, 2009, Pg. 2–2, Pg. 3–11)

Advisory — “Provides urgent information about an unusual occurrence or threat of an occurrence, but no action by the message recipient is expected. An advisory may include actionable information for individual personnel at healthcare organizations even though the organizations may not need to take emergency action.”

Alert — “Provides urgent information and indicates that some response action on the part of the message recipient may be necessary. No immediate response indicated. This category may also be used for ongoing notification during an emergency to convey urgent information and recommended actions.”

Activation — “Identifies that a response from coalition members is required. Coalition procedure triggers the notification through EMResource® and the activation of EMResource® Hospital ICS to assign coalition members to appropriate response roles.”