# 2023 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise

# Chemical Fire with Burn & Pediatric Surge Scenario

# Hospice/Home Health Provider Objectives

**How To Use This Document:** *The purpose of this document is to provide sample objectives and capabilities for exercise planners to select from in designing their Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE). These capabilities and their supporting objectives were identified based on the Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) (formerly MYTEP) developed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). To access this document, visit* [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/swmhe.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/swmhe.aspx" \o "Statewide Medical and Health Exercise website)

*To use this document, insert your agency/organization’s name in the bracketed text in the header that reads “Insert Name Of Agency/Organization Here.” Review the suggested capabilities and objectives and* ***consider them as options to create an Exercise Plan that is customized to the unique characteristics of your organization******and community****. Select and modify as needed. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),* ***ten or fewer objectives are recommended for a functional exercise****.*

| **Type** | **Capability** | **Capability Goal** |
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| HPP | Health Care and Medical Response Coordination | Health care organizations, the Health Care Coalition (HCC), their jurisdiction(s), and the ESF-8 lead agency plan and collaborate to share and analyze information, manage and share resources, and coordinate strategies to deliver medical care to all populations during emergencies and planned events. |
| HPP | Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery | Health care organizations, with support from the HCC and the ESF-8 lead agency, provide uninterrupted, optimal medical care to all populations in the face of damaged or disabled health care infrastructure. Health care workers are well-trained, well-educated, and well-equipped to care for patients during emergencies. |

# Proposed Objectives

## Objective One

Activate the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan in response to the emergency.*Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery*

Sample Task(s):

* Activate the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
* Notify all staff of plan activation
* Consider the need for sheltering-in-place, or evacuation, and notify all internal staff of the decision to initiate any such actions
* Ensure that business operations are sustainable for a potentially long-term event, and identify strategies for sustainability in a long-term recovery plan and/or objectives

## Objective Two

Maintain situational awareness by gathering and sharing real-time information related to the incident and the current state of the health care delivery system through coordination with the Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC), local Health Care Coalition (HCC) partners, and the local Emergency Operations Center (EOC). *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response Coordination*

Sample Task(s):

* Develop information sharing procedures specific to the response and document these procedures for staff
* Utilize and test redundant communication systems to notify staff and response partners of the status and resource needs of the facility/facilities
* Utilize and test redundant communication systems to notify patients of the status of their home care

## Objective Three

Determine priorities for ensuring key organization’s functions are maintained throughout the incident, including the provision of care to existing and new patients. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery*

Sample Task(s):

* Determine those services that are critical to patient care and those that could be suspended or transferred to different service providers in surrounding region, and report back to leadership

## Objective Four

Plan for the activation of mental and behavioral health services for all staff members as part of event response and recovery planning.*Health Care Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery*

Sample Task(s):

* Coordinate with the MHOAC and HCC partners to determine the need for additional behavioral and mental health services, partners, and volunteers to provide an appropriate level of care to staff, patients, and family members
* Coordinate with administration and leadership to facilitate access to and promote availability of mental and behavioral health services for staff, patients, and family members, including briefings for staff on educating patients and families on available resources