Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC)

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California Medical Mutual Aid

MUTUAL AID REGIONS

- 6 regions
- We are in Region 2
- We are an <u>OA</u> (Operational Area): an intermediate level of Office of Emergency Services organization consisting of <u>a county and all political subdivisions within the county area</u>.

MHOAC PROGRAM

- Authorized by the California Health and Safety Code 1797.153

- Designated person called MHOAC

- Operates in coordination with the CA Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM) and the CA Medical Mutual Aid Plan.

MHOAC Position

- 24/7/365 single point of contact for the MHOAC program

- Responsible for monitoring, ensuring, and procuring medical and health resources during a local emergency or disaster.

- Staffed by LEMSA Administrator and Public Health Officer

MHOAC Program Functions

MHOAC Function:	Agencies			
	LEMSA	Public Health	Environmental Health	Behavioral Health
1. Assessment of immediate medical needs	+	+	+	+
2. Coordination of disaster medical and health resources	+	+	+	+
3. Coordination of patient distribution and medical evaluations	+			
4. Coordination with inpatient and emergency care providers	+			
5. Coordination of out-of-hospital medical care providers	+	+		
6. Coordination and integration with fire agency's personnel, resources and emergency fire pre-hospital medical services	+			
7. Coordination of providers of non-fire based, pre-hospital emergency medical services	+			
8. Coordination of the establishment of temporary field treatment sites	+			
9. Health surveillance and epidemiological analyses of community health status		+		
10. Assurance of food safety		+	+	
11. Management of exposure to hazardous agents	+		+	
12. Provision or coordination of Behavioral Health services				+
13. Provision of medical and health public information and protective action recommendations	+	+	+	+
14. Provision or coordination of vector control services		+	+	
15. Assurance of drinking water safety		+	+	
16. Assurance of the safe management of liquid, solid, and hazardous waste			+	
17. Investigation and control of communicable diseases		+		

MHOAC Program Functions

- Management of medical and health resources, reporting of situational status from the OA

  to the Region and/or State

- ID resources, coordinate procurement and allocation of public and private medical, health and other resources

- Communicate OA medical needs within and outside of the OA by contacting the RDMHC/S

MHOAC Program Functions

- General emergency preparedness activities like planning, exercising, policies, etc.

- PHO is authorized to take any preventive measure necessary to protect and preserve public health from any public health hazard during a local emergency or State of Emergency within their jurisdiction.

- LEMSA has primary responsibility for administration of EMS in a county

Unusual Event Defined

Unusual Event

An **unusual event** is defined as an incident that significantly impacts or threatens public health, environmental health or emergency medical services[1]. An unusual event may be self-limiting or a precursor to emergency system activation. The specific criteria for an unusual event include any of the following:

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[1] Please note that the EOM definition of "unusual event" is broadly applicable and differs from the specialized use of this term in reference to nuclear reactors. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission defines an unusual event as the potential degradation in the safety level of a nuclear power plant or nonpower reactor. It is the lowest emergency classification for nuclear reactors. No release of radioactive material requiring offsite response or monitoring is expected unless further degradation occurs.

Unusual Event Defined

- The incident significantly impacts or is anticipated to impact public health or safety;

- The incident disrupts or is anticipated to disrupt the Public Health and Medical System;

- Resources are needed or anticipated to be needed beyond the capabilities of the Operational Area, including those resources available through existing agreements (day-to-day agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other emergency assistance agreements);

- The incident produces media attention or is politically sensitive;

- The incident leads to a Regional or State request for information; and/or

- Whenever increased information flow from the Operational Area to the State will assist in the management or mitigation of the incident's impact.

MHOAC Interactions

- ## Notification
  - Unusual events

  PSPS

  - If you activate your facility emergency plan or Incident Command due to an event that could impact your facility's ability to function.

  - If you are experiencing an event that has the potential to impact the healthcare delivery system.

MHOAC Program Requirements

- Flash report

- Sit-Stat report within two hours to RDMHC/S, CDPH, EMSA

- Sit-Stat report every Operational Period

MHOAC Program Response Examples

- Napa and Sonoma
- Lake County
- Camp Fire

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