



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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To: Regional Communication Centers/CMED Directors
Regional Emergency Planning Team Chairs
RESF 2 (Communications) and RESF 8 (Public Health and Medical) Chairs
Regional EMS Coordinators

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Operations Branch Chief

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Re: Statewide Forward Movement of Patients Plan

I am happy to transmit to you the Connecticut Plan for the Forward Movement of Patients. This document is the result of four years of research and development by stakeholders from throughout the State. The plan consists of the basic plan for Forward Movement of Patients and two annexes, the Statewide EMS Mobilization Plan and the Statewide Burn Patient Management Plan.

Highlights of the Plan include:

- Standardized statewide procedures for movement of patients to definitive care sites within the state, and across state lines
- Standard method of Plan activation utilizing existing regional CMED's
- Integration with the protocols of the National Disaster Medical System
- Standards and protocols for the development of sub-state regional EMS Strike Teams and Task Forces
- Training standards for EMS Strike Teams and Task Forces staff
- Framework for the planning and implementation of the plan by each sub-state regional RESF 8 in coordination with the CMED's, RESF 2, the hospitals, and the Regional Emergency Planning Teams

The CT Department of Public Health and the CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security recognize the critical need to standardize plans for patient movement at the state level, while also recognizing that the needs and capacities of the individual sub-state regions may vary considerably. It is imperative that, through the mechanism of your sub-state RESF 8 and REPT, the three component parts of the Forward Movement of Patients Plan are adapted to meet the specific needs of your region, while simultaneously building an expanded statewide medical surge capability.

CTDPH and DEMHS expect that each of the five regions will have completed the task of implementing the Forward Movement of Patients Plan by September 1, 2009. Both CTDPH and DEMHS are standing by to assist you in this process.

Cc: EMS Advisory Board Chair

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