Capital Area Provider Teams

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Accessing the Capability: The HHS Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Health have the authority to activate a CAP and do so in response to requests made through the Surgeon General.

Average Time to Respond: 48 hours

Past Customers or Events when capability was deployed: 2015 Peace Officer Memorial  2015 OAP- Statue Dedication for Barry Goldwater; 2015 OAP- Honoring WWII First Special Forces; 2014 OAP- Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony Honoring Civil Air Patrol;  2014 OAP- Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony Honoring Pres. Shimon Peres of Israel

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Each CAP team is capable of providing medical care and responding to the many public health emergencies and urgent health needs that could arise during supported events and mass gatherings at
the United States Capitol. If the response needs exceed the capacity of the on-call CAP team, the team can be augmented with appropriate officers from Tier 3.

The primary areas of CAP team activities and reporting include:

1. First responder and primary care,
2. Basic and advanced life support,
3. Pre-hospital triage and treatment,
4. Point of distribution operation (mass prophylaxis and vaccination),
5. Medical surge,
6. On-site incident management, and;
7. Worker health and safety

If a public health or medical emergency occurs during an event at the United States Capitol or NCR, CAP teams can provide temporary medical care and essential services to preserve the lives and the health of affected individuals. All CAP team members are clinically current, as defined in their deployment role.

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