

Health Resources and Services Administration

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care by strengthening the health care workforce, building healthy communities and achieving health equity. HRSA's programs provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable.

HRSA does not have any direct response role in disasters, meaning that HRSA typically does not deploy civil service employees to disaster areas as some other operating divisions with specific mission authority do. However, U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps officers assigned to HRSA contribute significantly to disaster responses when deployed under the direction of the Surgeon General's Readiness and Deployment Operations Group (ReDDOG).

HRSA community-based service delivery grantees should always look to local emergency management for assistance first before, during, and following a disaster. HRSA contributes most significantly during a disaster by providing information about the event's effect on grantees and exercising certain flexibilities within its existing authorities and budget allocations. For more information on HRSA's grant and other programs, please visit HRSA's Web site at <http://www.hrsa.gov>.

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