

Hospital Decompression Survey

The planning team for the Los Angeles County Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) developed this Hospital Decompression Survey to support the annual Medical and Health Exercise scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024.

The goal was to develop a county-wide survey that will be completed by exercise participants during the MRSE to collect data on the barriers that prevent rapid patient placement into Long-term Care (LTC) and Home Health Hospice (HHH) facilities in support of a surge event. Following the exercise, the data will be escalated to the county disaster healthcare coalition for discussion.

To facilitate participation, the survey was included as an inject in the exercise MSEL. The sectors responsible for completing the survey include the Hospital sector, Long-term Care (LTC) sector, and the Home Health Hospice (HHH) sector.

Download the survey to facilitate discussion and capture responses. Upload your responses to Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FLLPBJ9> by November 23, 2024.

Please discuss and answer the following questions:

1. *What day-to-day barriers exist in discharging patients to the sub-acute environment?*
2. *During a disaster, what obstacles could be modified to ensure hospitals are able to accommodate a significant patient surge?*
3. *What day-to-day barriers exist in admitting patients from hospitals that require sub-acute care?*
4. *During a disaster, what obstacles could be modified to ensure Long-term care facilities and/or Home Health Hospice entities are able to accommodate a significant patient surge?*
5. *What challenges currently exist (e.g. capacity issues, financial, logistical, safety barriers, etc.) and which, if any, do you think should/could be relaxed in a major disaster?*
6. *Identify any items that can be waived / relaxed during a disaster to expedite placement such as:*
 - *Insurance authorization for post-acute services*
 - *PASSR: Pre- Admission Screening and Resident Review*
 - *Skilled Facility/ Medicare: Three-day inpatient stay prior to transfer to skilled facility*
 - *Long Term Acute Care Hospital/ Medicare: Three-day ICU stay prior to transfer to Long Term Acute Hospitals*
 - *Physician certification statement for ambulance transport*
 - *Relax isolation around MDRO isolation: Standard precautions as routine*
 - *Any other*
7. *What measures/strategies can a LTC facility or HHH entity implement prior to a surge event that could facilitate rapid patient placement from an acute care hospital during a surge event?*
8. *What measures/strategies can hospitals implement prior to a surge event that could facilitate rapid patient placement into a LTC facility or HHH entity during a surge event?*

