

Special CMS / HHS Open Door Forum:  
HSPD-21: Public Health and Medical Preparedness  
(Paragraph 40)  
March 14, 2008 1-3pm EST

I. Opening Remarks. . . . . (25 mins.)

Moderator Rollout – Introduction

- Moderator: Natalie Highsmith, CMS/OEA

Chairs of the ODF call:

ASPR Remarks.

- Timothy E. Davis, MD, MPH ASPR/OPEO
- Denis Fitzgerald, MD, ASPR/OPEO

CMS Remarks.

- Peggy Sparr, MEd, MPA, CMS/OA
- Susan Larsen, CMS/CMSO

II. Participant Feedback on Structured Questions . . . . . (90 Min)

Question 1:

What budget neutral steps are necessary or desirable by HHS and/or CMS to improve private sector healthcare facility preparation for such (mass casualty) events?

Question 2:

What other financial or non-financial incentives might be created, or barriers removed, that would facilitate emergency preparedness and response (in mass casualty events) while potentially shifting, but not increasing costs?

Question 3:

What specific CMS requirements, policies or other flexibilities if any, might be necessary or desirable to remove impediments to private sector health care in such an emergency?

Question 4:

What existing US government grant programs might usefully be targeted and modified, in part, to assist health care facilities, through state and local health officials/departments, to improve preparedness for these mass casualty events?

Question 5:

Are there innovative economic ideas, not considered, that could be proposed from individuals on the call that would improve private healthcare facility emergency preparedness, while NOT increasing health care costs?

III. Wrap-up. . . . . (5 mins.)

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