

HHS is responsible to put together an action plan for multiple paragraphs within HSPD#21 (the Homeland Security Presidential Directive regarding increasing the nation's medical and health care sectors ability to respond effectively to a mass casualty situation).

www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/hspd-21.htm details the overarching strategy.

Of particular note, within HSPD#21, is paragraph #40 which reads:

(40) Within 120 days after the date of this directive, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to the President through the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, and shall commence the implementation of, a plan to use current grant funding programs, private payer incentives, market forces, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirements, and other means to create financial incentives to enhance private sector health care facility preparedness in such a manner as to not increase health care costs.