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Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy Situational Awareness Update:

- Emergency Declarations: CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, WV and the District of Columbia.
- Major Disaster Declarations signed by the President for New York and New Jersey and Connecticut.
- Secretary Sebelius signed a Public Health Emergency Declaration for New York on October 31, 2012 (to ensure healthcare services are continued especially for Medicare and Medicaid subscribers) and New Jersey's was signed on November 1, 2012.
- As of 13 November 2012, all critical infrastructure sectors continue to assess impacts to their assets after Hurricane Sandy's landfall on 29 October. The primary focus areas remain power restoration, fuel, and housing.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) has transitioned to a Level II dayshift with select Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) and Liaison Officers (LNOs) activated and Level III nightshift activation. The New York State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) remain at Full Activation (Level I). The New Jersey Regional Operations Intelligence Center (NJ ROIC) is at Full Activation (Level IV). As of 0900 EST, the Department of Energy (DOE) reports there are 25,061 customers without power in the affected states of New Jersey (5,164), New York (18,259), and West Virginia (1,638).

Weather:

- The National Weather Service reports highs in the 50s with light rain clearing tonight in New York. A cold front is passing through the region. Rain showers are expected in New Jersey, mainly before 1500 EST, with a high near 53 degrees Fahrenheit. Drier weather is expected to return Wednesday and continue through Friday.

For additional information please visit the following:

- FEMA: <http://www.fema.gov/sandy> 1.800.621.3362
- HHS: <http://www.phe.gov/emergency/events/Pages/sandy-midatlantic-2012.aspx>
- Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN): <https://cs.hsin.gov> (Access to this site will require the use of your assigned HSIN-CS user name and password. If you require assistance with your HSIN password, please contact the HSIN Help Desk at hsin.helpdesk@dhs.gov or (703) 674-3003 or toll free at (866) 430-0162).
- CDC Hurricane Preparedness: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HurricanePreparedness/>
- Information on www.disasterassistance.gov
- Small Business Administration, disaster loans - 800.659.2955. www.sba.gov
- Appendix K within home and community based authority (www.medicaid.gov)
- CMS Website: www.cms.gov/emergency

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Emergency Medical Assistance Compact:

- The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) is a national interstate mutual aid agreement that allows states to share resources across state lines during disasters and emergencies. EMAC is administered by the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA).
- To date, there are 27 states that have deployed more than 2,400 personnel and equipment
- For additional information on EMAC, please visit: <http://www.emacweb.org/>

Rx Response:

- Power outages continue with a total of 88,882 locations without service.
- New York and New Jersey continue to deal with the long-term recovery issues from Hurricane Sandy. Fuel remains a key concern in the affected areas. A new gasoline rationing program based on license plate numbers took effect as of Friday at 5AM on Long Island and at 6AM in New York City. Buses, taxis and limousines, commercial vehicles, emergency vehicles, and people carrying portable gas cans are exempt from the plan. Mayor Bloomberg has indicated that the shortage could last several weeks.
- In order to overcome patient inability to obtain prescriptions due to lack of financial means, the Department of Justice, working together with the HHS General Counsel and the Assistance Secretary for Preparedness and Response, have agreed not to prosecute pharmacies who waive co-pays under the anti-kickback statutes. While this does not cover co-pay reimbursements and is not a government requirement, this initiative frees pharmacies who want to waive the co-pay requirement from any legal ramifications.
- More information on this Pharmacy Status Reporting Tool can be found at www.rxresponse.org.

Message from one of ASTHO's Corporate Alliance Members:

Scientific Technologies Corporation (www.stchome.com)

- STC is offering their standalone Mass Immunization Module to all of the states on the East Coast, free of charge. This module allows you to collect patient data and administered vaccinations rapidly, remotely, and without Internet access. This module can be loaded on thumb drives and used in combination with a laptop at multiple evacuation sites and remote health clinics. To access this application file, please go to the following link: <http://massimms.stchome.com/>.
- In support of this standalone module, STC is also offering free access to their help desk services. Please feel free to contact our help desk phone number and email below:
 - **Help Desk Phone Number:** [1-877-922-3385](tel:1-877-922-3385)
 - **Help Desk Email:** Support_services@stchome.com

State Updates	Daily Activities
Connecticut	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new updates.
Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new updates.
District of Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new updates.
Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new updates.
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new updates.
Maine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates at this time.
North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new updates.
New	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new updates.

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Hampshire	
New Jersey	<p>As of November 11, 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power outages remaining: 24,981 • There are 12 water systems with Boil Water Advisories. • EMAC Support: New Jersey has requested and received resource support from numerous states in support of emergency response mission requests broadcast via the EMAC national mutual aid system. Several states deployed emergency medical services resources and personnel to support evacuation, 911 call response, shelter and hospital transport missions.
New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the public drinking water in the greater New York City (NYC) metropolitan area is fine and fit for all uses. However, Boil Water Orders (BWOs) are in place for a number of areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy. • As of 1300 (1:00 pm) 11/12/12 there are 34 health care facilities remaining on generator power: three (3) hospitals, 22 Nursing Homes (NH) and nine (9) Adult Care Facilities (ACFs). • Legal: The Governor signed Executive Order No. 71 suspending and modifying certain statutory and regulatory provisions for providers serving individuals affected by the disaster. • All 25 ambulances from Suffolk County have been demobilized. No Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) contract ambulances remain in Suffolk County. 150 FEMA ambulances continue to do wellness checks. This mission should be completed no later than close of business on 11/13/12. • For additional information visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/weather/hurricane/
Pennsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates.
Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates.
Rhode Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates.
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates.
West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates.

ASTHO DAILY ACTION ITEMS (if any)	COMPLETE (Y/N)
ASTHO Staff will continue to maintain situational awareness and will send information out as necessary.	Yes

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