

## Updated Health Care Response Capabilities Comment Period and Informational Sessions

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) is currently updating the [Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities](#) to reflect insights learned from recent disasters. The updated capabilities provide more specificity around what the entire health care delivery system can do to save lives and continue to function in advance of, during, and after a response. The updated capabilities also prioritize equity in all activities, with the goal of ensuring access to consistent levels of care in underserved and historically marginalized communities and at-risk individuals.

Over the last year, ASPR conducted targeted engagement with those working at all levels of health care preparedness and response; from frontline providers to state and federal operations staff, to gather input for the updated capabilities. The resulting draft product is now being shared for a pre-decisional review with a wide range of partners. **Comments will be accepted until Friday, June 9 via the online comment matrix at the following link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QWFPDNN>.

ASPR requests reviewers provide comments noting a recommended change based on the below elements.

1. There is a **missing element** that is critical to saving lives and ensuring health care continues to function
2. Something in the capabilities that is **factually incorrect and needs to be removed or updated**
3. An additional link to a **publicly available resource to support implementation** of the corresponding activity

You may access the [pre-decisional draft](#) for your review here, as well as the [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) that provide additional background and clarifications for anyone reviewing the draft capabilities document. **ASPR will host three (3) informational sessions.** Those reviewing the draft capabilities document are encouraged to read the FAQs and attend in one of the informational sessions.

Register for the informational session that best fits your schedule:

- **Friday, May 19, 2:30-3 PM**  
ET: [https://deloitte.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_w\\_fae1iJRI2Xjedug-H4xA](https://deloitte.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w_fae1iJRI2Xjedug-H4xA)
- **Monday, May 22, 10:30-11 AM**  
ET: [https://deloitte.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_OLXCwvKUQuiG8Eai8IjxUA](https://deloitte.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OLXCwvKUQuiG8Eai8IjxUA)
- **Tuesday, May 23, 1:30 – 2 PM**  
ET: [https://deloitte.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CYiq5PEHTwCyDkTepzK02Q](https://deloitte.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CYiq5PEHTwCyDkTepzK02Q)