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Mission Statement:

The North Georgia Healthcare Coalition is a multi-agency coordinating group that assists Emergency Management and Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8 with preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities related to healthcare organization disaster operations.

Purpose:

The purpose of the North Georgia Healthcare Coalition is to serve as a unifying structure across the counties of Georgia's Hospital Association Region A, helping to collaborate and coordinate healthcare resources, plans, and to facilitate communication among healthcare stakeholders.

North Georgia Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Goals:

- Identify regional hazards, risks and threat factors
- Identify readiness and capabilities needs in region
- Identify preparedness gaps in region

North Georgia Healthcare Coalition Response Goals:

- Identify command structure and control functions of the regional Points of Contact (POC) when a disaster situation arises using Incident Command System (NIMS compliant)
- Identify the trigger points of activation of regional partners in a disaster for response
- Identify the process for resource coordination and allocation

North Georgia Healthcare Coalition HVA Key Priority Findings:

Top three regional findings

1. Severe Weather
2. Infectious Disease Outbreak
3. Hazardous Materials Incident

North Georgia Healthcare Coalition Geographic Details:

- **Population - 2011 estimate: 429,760**
- **Geography - 2818.58 square miles**
- **Major Interstates - I-75, 515, 27, 411**
- **Number of Counties - 9**
- **Number of Hospitals - 7**
- **Number of Trauma Centers (to include level) - Hamilton Medical Center- Level 2**
- **LTC - 20**
- **Community Health Centers - 3**
- **Behavioral Health - 8**
- **EMA- 9**
- **EMS - 9**
- **Dialysis Centers - 11**
- **College and Technical Schools - 4**
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Executive Committee Agencies Represented:

- **North Georgia Health District Emergency Preparedness, HCL**
- **Regional Coordinating Hospital, Regional Coordinator**
- **Georgia Hospital Association**
- **Georgia Emergency Management Association**
- **Regional Emergency Medical Services (GA)**
- **Community/Primary Health Care Centers**
- **Behavioral Health Care**
- **Long Term Care**

North Georgia Healthcare Coalition Agencies Represented:

- **North Georgia Health District Emergency Preparedness Team**
- **North Georgia Health District Nursing**
- **North Georgia Health District Administration**
- **Regional Coordinating Hospital, Regional Coordinator**
- **Georgia Hospital Association**
- **Georgia Emergency Management Association**
- **Regional Emergency Medical Services (GA)**
- **Community/Primary Health Care Centers**
- **Behavioral Health Care**
- **Long Term Care**
- **State EP Division HCPP Director**
- **All other Region A Hospital EC's.**