

# Region C Healthcare and Safety Preparedness Coalition

**Counties: Bartow, Carroll, Chattooga, Coweta, Floyd, Haralson, Heard, Polk**

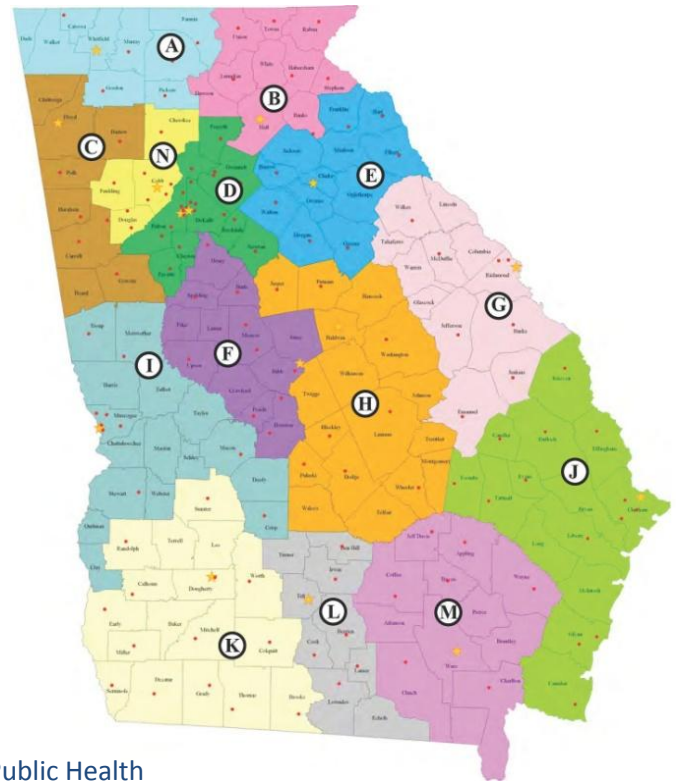
## What is the Region C Healthcare and Safety Preparedness Coalition?

Region C hospitals have been meeting together since 2007 with the goal of becoming better prepared to respond to disasters. The hospitals have developed strong relationships and have plans to support each other during emergencies.

Recognizing that hospitals alone are not sufficient to take care of the health care needs after a disaster, the state of Georgia is expanding this regional planning coordination to the healthcare system at-large. The Region C Healthcare and Safety Preparedness Coalition will include a variety of healthcare and planning organizations including, but not limited to:

## Why is the Region C Healthcare and Safety Preparedness Coalition important?

- ◆ Hospitals
- ◆ Community Health Care Centers
- ◆ Emergency Management Agencies (EMA)
- ◆ Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- ◆ Nursing Homes / Assisted Living
- ◆ Mental/Behavioral Health Providers
- ◆ Public Safety (Fire, Police)
- ◆ Public Health
- ◆ Home Health
- ◆ Dialysis Centers
- ◆ Pharmacists
- ◆ Hospice



When a disaster hits a community or a region, the entire health care system will be impacted and will have to respond. All health care organizations, from the largest hospital to a small community health center, will need to work together in a coordinated fashion to effectively respond to the disaster and work towards recovery. **Planning together saves lives!**

Health care organizations make plans for their own facilities. Hospitals have planned with other hospitals. Nursing homes have planned with other nursing homes. During all healthcare emergencies, decisions made by one health care organization will impact others. Facilities are often counting on the same resources, however, planning together will create a more prepared and resilient healthcare system.

## What are the benefits of membership in the Region C Healthcare and Safety Preparedness Coalition?

As a member, your organization can:

- build new and stronger relationships with other healthcare organizations and emergency management
- learn about available resources in the community
- have your concerns heard and addressed in the planning process
- have access to training and grant funding.

An objective of the Region C Healthcare and Safety Preparedness Coalition is the development of a coordinated, regional emergency response plan. By planning collaboratively, all members of the coalition will be strengthened and will be better prepared. Your organization will learn from the experiences of others. By participating, your organization will be able to meet some of your requirements related to emergency plans and exercises.

### How can my organization join the Region C Healthcare and Safety Preparedness Coalition?

All health care and public safety organizations in Region C are invited to become members of the coalition. Members regularly attend meetings, participate in planning, and agree to work with and support other members during disaster response and recovery.

### How can I learn more about the Region C Healthcare and Safety Preparedness Coalition?

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