

The Connecticut Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (LTC-MAP) for Evacuation & Resources / Assets Support establishes a course of action and an agreed commitment among long term care facilities (nursing homes and assisted living communities) to assist each other as needed in the time of a disaster. Assistance may come in the form of:

- Providing pre-designated evacuation locations for residents during a disaster;
- Providing or sharing supplies, equipment, transportation, staff or pharmaceuticals to a facility when a disaster overwhelms their own community or exceeds the capability of internal emergency operations plans.

The plan is supported by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Facility License & Investigation Section (FLIS), Connecticut Assisted Living Association (CALA), Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities (CAHCF) and LeadingAge Connecticut (LAC).

Benefits to participating members and their local responders include:

- ✓ Preplanned Evacuation Strategy - fast evacuation (i.e. Fire/Gas Leak), with the potential need for the use of Stop Over Points, and delayed, slow evacuation (i.e. Hurricane/Loss of Emergency Power.)
- ✓ Web-based Management System and Emergency Reporting System for real-time updates on operational status, bed capacity, staffing, supplies & equipment and other questions as needed.
- ✓ Preplanned Staffing, Supply, Equipment and Pharmaceutical Support when isolated or receiving an influx of residents from an evacuating healthcare facility.
- ✓ Provide local public safety incident commanders with easy on-site access and on-line access to user friendly plans including contact information for evacuation resources and key personnel.
- ✓ Provide local EMS Directors with resources needed to efficiently identify, transfer and track residents to pre-designated receiving facilities.
- ✓ Development of proactive Communications for ALL parties to stand up as one group – core activation and stand down algorithm for all long-term care facilities (healthcare, emergency agencies) and a Long-Term Care (LTC) Coordinating Center to support regional coordination (staffed by LTC-MAP plan members).
- ✓ Plan is designed to meet Department of Public Health (DPH), CMS and NFPA annual full-scale disaster drill/exercise requirements and allow for community participation in disaster preparedness.
- ✓ Provide Situation Reports on the LTC-MAP group to the Regions and DPH.
- ✓ Annual Education conferences for all plan members and ongoing LTC-MAP support by RPA, a Jensen Hughes Company, emergency management experts.

There is a one-time onboarding fee of \$1,535 (covers onsite visit, education, forms and plan binder) and an annual member fee of \$350 (billed in April every year).