



Region 3 Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (LTC-MAP) for Evacuation and Supply Resources

The **Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (LTC-MAP) for Evacuation and Supply Resources** establishes a course of action and an agreed commitment among participating nursing homes 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; and/or
- 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 preparedness plans.

This plan is being funded by federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) dollars and will be designed with the 78 nursing homes in Region 3 of Connecticut. Task Force and Special Expertise Committees are being formed to support the design of this plan and will include the nursing homes, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), the CT Department of Public Health, CANPFA, CAHCF and emergency responders from the region (Fire, EMS, Police, and Emergency Managers). Russell Phillips & Associates (www.phillipsllc.com), a national healthcare fire and emergency management consulting firm, has been contracted by CRCOG to customize this plan for the nursing homes. Their firm has completed the Mutual Aid Plans for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Washington, and for more than 200 nursing homes in New York, and is currently working on the New Britain and Southington Mutual Aid Plans for their healthcare providers.

Why should your facility participate in this initiative?

While your facility may already be part of a community-based Mutual Aid Plan, or incorporated into your Company's overall emergency and/or evacuation plan process, this unique plan for Region 3 will supplement those existing resources when the local or corporate plan is overwhelmed by a regional disaster or when immediate resources are necessary in a localized incident.

Benefits to participating include:

- Preplanned Evacuation Strategy – for fast evacuation (i.e. Fire/Gas Leak) as well as for delayed evacuation (i.e. Hurricane/Loss of Emergency Power.)
- Preplanned Supply, Equipment and Pharmaceutical Support when isolated

- Plan will provide local public safety incident commanders with easy on-site access to user-friendly plans including contact information for evacuation resources and key personnel
- Plan will provide local EMS commander with resources needed to efficiently identify, transfer and track residents to pre-designated receiving sites and facilities
- Development of a proactive plan of communications for ALL parties (healthcare, emergency agencies)
- Plan will be designed to meet CT Department of Public Health and Joint Commission disaster drill requirements, and allow for community participation in disaster preparedness