



NORTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT *of* HEALTH

Health Alert Network

Health Advisory

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States being impacted by the tropical storms are issuing Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests. The North Dakota Department of Health has now received three requests from two states (Louisiana and Mississippi). We would like to assemble a list of staffed ambulance vehicles willing to respond to the Gulf states if needed. **Ambulance services should not respond to the Gulf unless officially deployed under EMAC or through a FEMA contract.**

If deployed under EMAC, ambulance service team members would become uncompensated employees of the North Dakota Department of Health. The ambulance service would be compensated at FEMA disaster rates by the requesting state. Disaster responses involve working under difficult conditions so responding crews may be subjected to austere conditions such as sleeping in a tent or barracks.

Under the EMAC agreement, the requesting state accepts the licensure provisions of the State of North Dakota and agrees to incur the liability risks for the response. The North Dakota Department of Health will provide workers compensation coverage.

Please provide the following information to the North Dakota Department of Health, Emergency Preparedness and Response Section if you are willing to provide ambulance assistance to the Gulf states:

Names of Ambulance Service: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Staffed Ambulance Vehicles: _____

Service Level: (Basic or Advanced): _____

Earliest Date Available to Deploy: _____

Responses should be sent by email as soon as possible to twiedric@nd.gov.

Responding that you are willing to provide a staffed ambulance does not mean that you will be deployed. Before committing to being deployed, you will be advised of the reimbursement amounts that will be provided by the requesting state. If your service is deployed, you will receive a briefing and deployment instructions from the North Dakota Department of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section. If you have questions, please contact us at the email address listed above.