



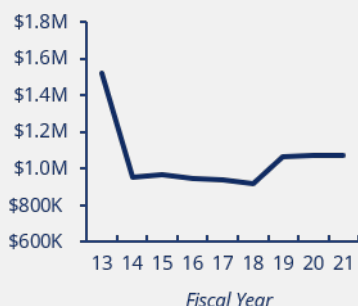
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

RHODE ISLAND

HPP FUNDING

29% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- Rhode Island uses HPP funding to build and maintain a strong emergency preparedness and response foundation for the state's 1.1 million residents.
- The Health Care Coalition of Rhode Island (HCRI) collaborated closely with Rhode Island Department of Health's Center for Health Facilities to coordinate both operational and regulatory support to its members during the COVID-19 response.
- The HCRI reached into sectors of its health care systems to engage partners such as Federally Qualified Health Centers and long-term care facilities.

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

In order to assist HCRI members with efficient patient flow through their respective facilities during the height of COVID-19 surge, HCRI activated a Healthcare Coordination Center [modeled after the Medical Operations Coordination Cell (MOCC) concept], which was not a part of the coalition's response planning prior to COVID-19. The Healthcare Coordination Center supported facilities by facilitating and coordinating interfacility transfers of patients, including difficult-to-place patients, from those receiving behavioral health, home health, and hospital-level care to those in long-term care facilities.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- The HCRI provided hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Centers with strategic support related to medical countermeasures, including monoclonal antibodies and COVID-19 vaccines.
- The HCRI developed an infectious disease surge annex, leveraging lessons learned from the COVID-19 response, and secured an infectious disease clinical advisor with direct experience in COVID-19 patient surge and alternate hospital site operations.
- The HCRI supported the activation and operation of two alternate hospital sites during the peak of the fall/winter 2020 COVID-19 surge. These facilities cared for 713 patients.



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**Health Care
Coalition**

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of acute care
hospitals



of emergency
medical services



of public health
agencies



of emergency
management
agencies

FY20 end-of-year data and HCC count as of 6/30/2021. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in RI.