

MHOAC FUNCTIONS

The MHOAC Program is responsible for planning and facilitating the strategic deployment of necessary emergency medical and health resources by coordinating resources within and outside of the OA and coordinating information among health care entities through situation reporting as necessary.

Additionally, the Health and Safety Code (1797.153) directs that a MHOAC program shall:

- Recommend to the operational area coordinator of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) a medical and health disaster plan for the provision of medical and health mutual aid within the OA;
- Include preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation functions consistent with the State Emergency Plan, as established under Sections 8559 and 8560 of the Government Code;
- And, at a minimum, develop a medical and health disaster plan, policy and procedures with its partners that include all of the following 17 functions, as listed below:

MHOAC Functions	LEMSA	Public Health	Environmental Health	Behavioral Health
1. Assessment of immediate medical needs	+	+	+	+
2. Coordination of disaster medical and health resources	+	+	+	+
3. Coordination of patient distribution and medical evaluations	+			
4. Coordination with inpatient and emergency care providers	+			
5. Coordination of out-of-hospital medical care providers	+	+		
6. Coordination and integration with fire agency's personnel, resources and emergency fire pre-hospital medical services	+			
7. Coordination of providers of non-fire based, pre-hospital emergency medical services	+			
8. Coordination of the establishment of temporary field treatment sites	+			
9. Health surveillance and epidemiological analyses of community health status		+		
10. Assurance of food safety		+		
11. Management of exposure to hazardous agents	+		+	
12. Provision or coordination of Behavioral Health services			+	
13. Provision of medical and health public information and protective action recommendations	+	+		+
14. Provision or coordination of vector control services		+	+	+
15. Assurance of drinking water safety		+	+	
16. Assurance of the safe management of liquid, solid, and hazardous waste			+	
17. Investigation and control of communicable diseases		+		

