

Proposed EM Requirements Related to Surge Management
Critical Access Hospital (CAH) & Hospital (HAP) Accreditation Programs

EM.12.03.01

1 The hospital develops a surge management plan.

2 **Note:** The hospital considers its prioritized hazards identified as part of its hazard
3 vulnerability analysis when developing a surge management plan

Elements of Performance (EPs) for EM.12.03.01

4 1. The hospital has a written surge management plan incorporated into its emergency
5 operations plan that is developed with the participation of its senior leaders,
6 including members of the medical, nursing, and pharmacy staff; supply chain staff;
7 ethical and legal counsel; and other department leaders as determined by the
8 hospital.

9 2. The hospital's surge management plan for moderate to heavy surge events includes,
10 but is not limited to, the following:

11 - Triggers or thresholds to identify circumstances for when the hospital will
12 activate its surge plan

13 **Note:** For example, triggers or thresholds could include percentage of total
14 hospital bed capacity reached or emergency department wait times far exceed the
15 norm due to increased patient volume.

16 - Strategies for triaging and managing patients, identifying clinical areas that
17 can be used as overflow space, and continued monitoring and assessment of resource
18 needs

19 - How staff will be informed of actions to take when patient surge levels change
20 resulting in the need to modify, conserve, adapt, and/or substitute resources

21 - Procedures for when and how the hospital will obtain medical, ethical, or legal
22 consultation when making crisis-level care decisions and allocating critical
23 and/or scarce resources