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**Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act
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HSPD-21

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- Establishes National Strategy for Public Health and Medical Preparedness and builds upon
 - *National Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction* (2002)
 - *Biodefense for the 21st Century* (HSPD-10) (2004)
 - *National Strategy for Homeland Security* (2007)
- Complementary to the Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act
- HHS to lead a senior interagency task force on implementation

- Five *key principles*
 1. Preparedness for catastrophic health events
 2. Vertical and horizontal coordination across government
 3. Regional health preparedness
 4. Engagement of non-governmental entities
 5. Individual, family, and community responsibility

- Four *pillars*
 1. Threat awareness
 2. Prevention and protection
 3. Surveillance and detection
 4. Response and recovery

- Critical Components of Public Health and Medical Preparedness
 - Biosurveillance
 - Countermeasure Stockpiling and Distribution
 - Mass Casualty Care
 - Community Resilience
 - Risk Awareness
 - Education and Training

- Key Requirements
 - Establish an operational national epidemiologic surveillance system
 - Develop countermeasure distribution capabilities
 - Annual review of the Strategic National Stockpile
 - Review National Disaster Medical System and medical surge capacity
 - Coordinate core medical and public health curricula
 - Develop grants guidance, performance measures, reporting requirements, and accountability

- Mandates New Organizational Entities
 - Public Health and Medical Preparedness Task Force
 - Office of Emergency Medical Care within HHS
 - Federal Advisory Committees:
 - ❖ Disaster Mental Health
 - ❖ Epidemiologic Surveillance
 - Joint Program for Disaster Medicine and Public Health

- Existing efforts support and reinforce a number of HSPD-21 requirements:
 - Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE)
 - Cities Readiness Initiative focused on countermeasure distribution
 - Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act implementation:
 - ❖ Draft Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) strategic plan
 - ❖ National Disaster Medical System and medical surge capacity review
 - ❖ Grants guidance, reporting requirements, performance measures, and accountability measures development
 - ❖ Emergency medical and public health core curriculum development
 - ❖ Development of National Health Security Strategy