

Crisis Standards of Care Briefs

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Challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and mass casualty incidents abound. These incidents often force many healthcare systems to adopt crisis practices that would normally be considered a compromise to usual standards of care. Strategies to address patient surge management and the allocation of scarce resources, such as Crisis Standards of Care (CSC), call for policy, regulatory, and systems changes implemented when the duration of crisis care practices is prolonged. The U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) hosted [this webinar](#) where speakers discussed clinical consultation versus triage support, systems-level information sharing, coalition-level coordination activities, and recent publications/resources to help with planning efforts. ASPR TRACIE also published the following resources on CSC considerations to accompany the webinar:

Related Resources

[COVID-19 Crisis Standards of Care Resource Collection](#)

[Crisis Standards of Care and Infectious Disease Planning](#)

[Crisis Standards of Care Brief: Principles](#)

This quick sheet describes the principles, values, foundational elements, and planning and implementation principles of CSC.

[Crisis Standards of Care Brief: Planners](#)

This quick sheet is geared towards hospital emergency planners and describes the principles of CSC and related planning considerations.

[Crisis Standards of Care Brief: Healthcare Providers](#)

This quick sheet helps healthcare workers understand how their roles may be affected by CSC and provides related decision-making strategies.

[Crisis Standards of Care Brief: Support for Clinical Allocation Decisions](#)

This quick sheet helps healthcare workers understand the difference between clinical decision support and a triage team under the crisis standards of care umbrella. Tips for requesting and providing consultation are also included.

[Crisis Standards of Care Brief: Public Messaging](#)

This quick sheet can help healthcare/hospital risk communicators develop and share messaging related to CSC.

[Crisis Standards of Care: Roles and Responsibilities](#)

This graphic illustrates the roles of responsibilities of healthcare providers, healthcare facilities/systems, and healthcare coalitions/states when operating under CSC.

For more information:



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