Alternate Care Sites (ACSs) are one of many alternate care strategies intended to provide additional hospital surge capacity and capability for communities overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients. ACS can be established (owned and operated) by an individual hospital, a group or partnership of hospitals or health systems, a local community (such as the local health department), a state (such as a state health department), or the federal government. ACS can also be established by any of these entities and then have ownership and operational responsibility transferred or changed during its operation. The different operating models and ownership options can affect funding availability/eligibility and sources; understanding options before making ACS ownership decisions is a critical step.

ASPR TRACIE, in collaboration with the HHS/FEMA Healthcare Resilience Task Force, is hosting this webinar featuring interagency partners discussing various funding options for establishing ACSs, the operation and ongoing administration of ACS, and for direct patient care costs. Speakers will provide an overview of the information contained in the ACS Funding Summary: Establishment and Operationalization tip sheet. The webinar will take place Friday, May 22 from 2:30 to 3:45 PM ET.

**SPEAKERS**

**Moderator:** Meghan Treber, MS, ASPR TRACIE  
**Introductions:**  
- Denis FitzGerald, M.D., Division Director, Field Operations and Response, Office of Emergency Management and Medical Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
- LCDR Katie Watson, PharmD, RAC, Senior Program Management Officer, HHS ASPR  
**Speakers (listed in order of presentations):**  
- Jennifer Hannah, Deputy, National Healthcare Preparedness Programs Branch, HHS ASPR  
- Mark Davis, Associate Director for Financial and Management Services, Division of State and Local Readiness, Center for Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
- Ellen-Marie Whelan, NP, PhD, Chief Population Health Officer, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)  
- Chris Smith Ritter, PhD, Director, Patient Care Models Group, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, CMS  
- Traci Brasher, Acting Public Assistance Division Director, Recovery Directorate, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
- Susan Marsiglia, Supervisory Public Health Analyst, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

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