

# ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

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## Request:

The requestor asked for assistance in researching emergency preparedness resources specific to Ambulatory Surgical Facilities (ASF; also referred to as Ambulatory Surgical Centers [ASC]).

## Response:

The ASPR TRACIE Team reviewed existing ASPR TRACIE resources, including the [Ambulatory Care and Federally Qualified Health Centers \(FQHC\) Topic Collection](#), and the [Ambulatory Surgical Center \(ASC\) Templates TA response document](#). Resources gathered can be found in Section I.

## I. Ambulatory Surgical Facility Preparedness-Related Resources

Emergency Medical Services Agency- Los Angeles County. (2013). [Ambulatory Surgical Center Guide to Disaster Preparedness and Response](#).

This plan outlines specific strategies to assist various types of healthcare providers plan for and provide a coordinated disaster response. While specific to Los Angeles County, some portions of the document are more widely applicable.

Lee County, Florida, Emergency Management. (2014). [CEMP Criteria for Ambulatory Surgery Centers](#).

This checklist contains the required elements for a comprehensive emergency management plan, and guidance on plan format for ambulatory surgery centers in Florida. It may be used as a reference by other facilities to help develop their plans.

Louisiana Department of Health. (2001). [Ambulatory Surgical Center: Emergency Operations Plan](#).

This document serves as a template Emergency Operations Plan for ASCs and can be modified for use by the facility.

OR Today Magazine. (2016). [AAAHC Update: Writing a Disaster Plan for Your ASC](#).

This article addresses the components to include when an ASC is developing a disaster plan.

Palm Beach County, Florida. (2014). [Cross-Reference for Comprehensive Emergency Plan Ambulatory Surgical Centers.](#)

This checklist was designed to help ambulatory surgical centers confirm that they have the required elements in their emergency operations plans to receive certification by their local emergency management agency. It may be used as a reference by other facilities to help develop their plans.

The Surgery Center of Cleveland, LLC. (2018). [Emergency Management Plan.](#)

This plan provides guidance to surgical center personnel on their expected duties when the facility must evacuate, close due to a potential disaster warning, or temporarily cease operations due to an internal or external safety issue. **NOTE:** This plan states that this particular surgical center does not provide services for emergencies and cannot remain open if a disaster requires increased emergency medical care in the community.

Washington State Department of Health. (2016). [Ambulatory Surgical Facilities Sample Disaster Planning Checklist.](#)

This document provides a checklist of the criteria to be considered when developing an ASF disaster plan.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services. (2017). [CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule Toolkits.](#)

This webpage includes links to toolkits and other resources designed to help select healthcare facilities better understand the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Emergency Preparedness Rule. Each toolkit includes sample templates and planning worksheets that can help facilities develop compliant plans, policies, and procedures. **NOTE:** Refer to the Ambulatory Surgical Centers section.