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**Healthcare**  
COALITION  
For Disaster Preparedness

Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau and St. Johns Counties

**NORTHEAST FLORIDA HEALTHCARE COALITION**

*Mission: Achieve a health & medical system that is efficient and resilient in an emergency.*

# WHAT IS A HEALTHCARE COALITION (HCC)?

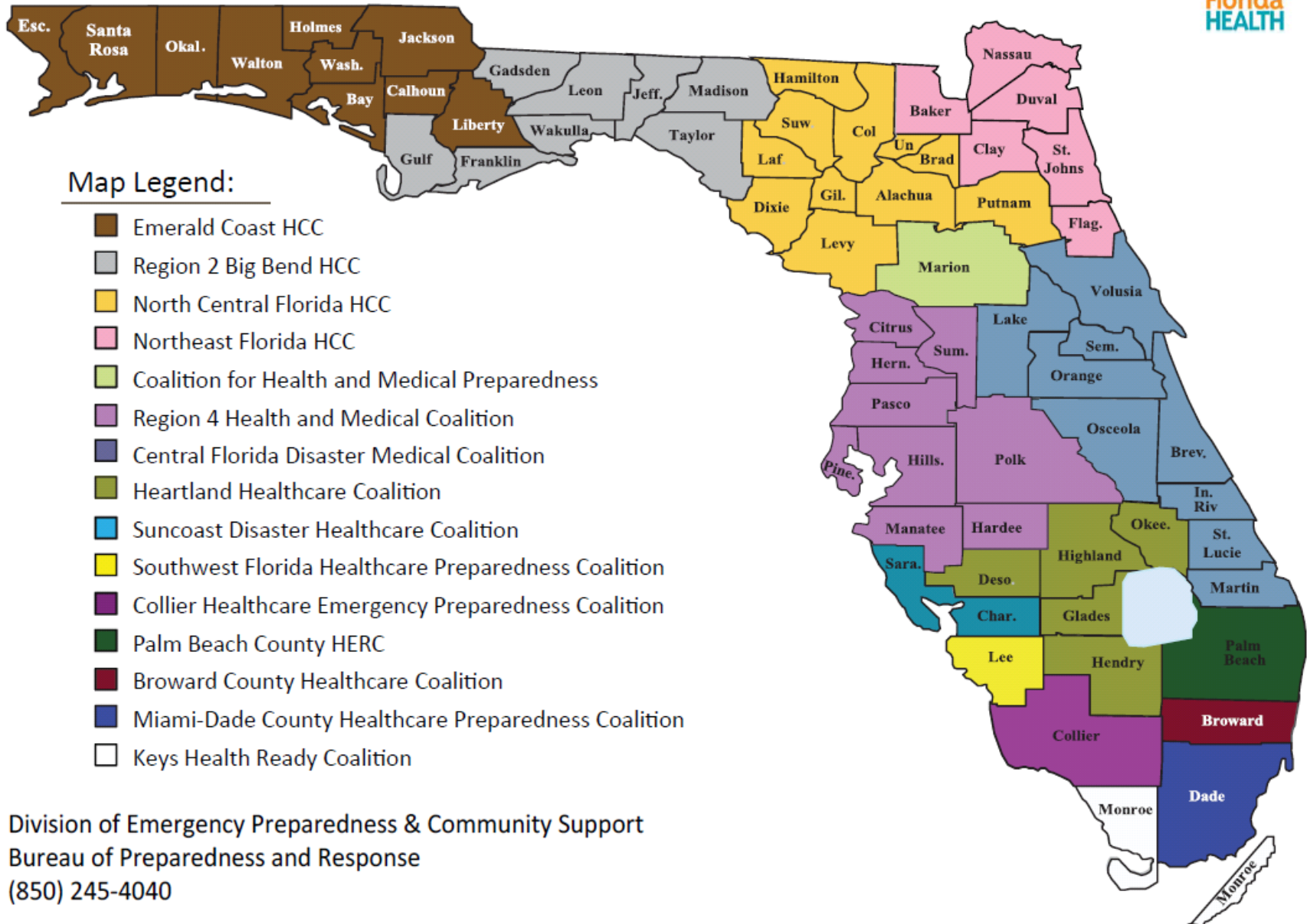
- ✘ A Federal Initiative, Florida is divided into 15 coalitions
- ✘ a **collaborative** network of healthcare organizations and their respective public and private sector response partners that serve as a multi-agency coordinating group
- ✘ Assist Emergency Management and ESF 8 with preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities related to healthcare organization disaster operations.



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# Florida Healthcare Coalition Map



## Map Legend:

- Emerald Coast HCC
- Region 2 Big Bend HCC
- North Central Florida HCC
- Northeast Florida HCC
- Coalition for Health and Medical Preparedness
- Region 4 Health and Medical Coalition
- Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition
- Heartland Healthcare Coalition
- Suncoast Disaster Healthcare Coalition
- Southwest Florida Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
- Collier Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition
- Palm Beach County HERC
- Broward County Healthcare Coalition
- Miami-Dade County Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
- Keys Health Ready Coalition

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# PURPOSE AND FOCUS OF HCC'S

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- ✘ ASPR has made HCC development a priority during the current five year funding cycle
- ✘ Currently in 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 5 year grant
- ✘ HCC development is vital to building capabilities related to healthcare system preparedness, response and recovery

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# HCC KEY CONCEPTS

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*Capability based approach to planning: Coalitions should enhance healthcare system planning and response at the local level*

- ✘ HCCs are not response organizations
- ✘ Develop naturally through existing partnerships and service delivery patterns
- ✘ Collectively plan, organize, equip, train and exercise



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# HCC RESPONSE SUPPORT

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Healthcare Coalitions must demonstrate multi-agency coordination during response by:

- ✘ Assisting incident management with decisions and/or mission support

OR

- ✘ Coordination of plans to guide decisions regarding healthcare organization support

OR

- ✘ A combination of both

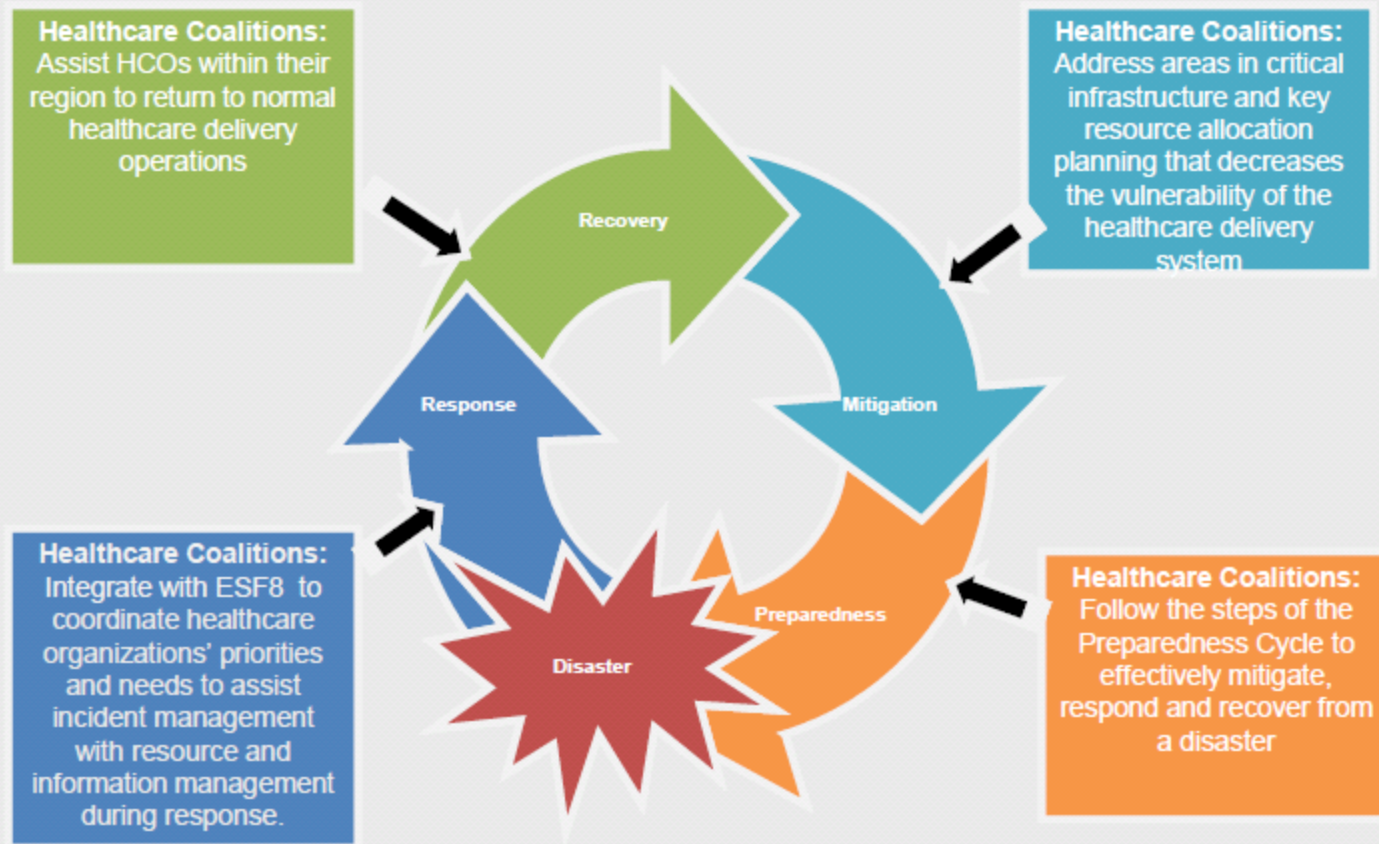


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# Disaster Cycle



# NEFLHCC ROLE

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- ✘ Provide situational awareness to the NEFLHCC region during an emergency/event
- ✘ Bring together the whole community of healthcare partners for training and exercises
- ✘ Coordination of plans and procedures that help support the continuum of care during a disaster.



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- ✘ Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau and St. Johns Counties
- ✘ Established in 2013
- ✘ As of 2014, the Northeast Florida Regional Council acts as the administrative and fiscal agent
- ✘ NEFRC contracts directly with FDOH

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# FUNDING

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- ✘ Current funding is for the sustainment of the Coalition - \$145,000
- ✘ All HCC's may potentially receive 'project' money in the future, which will be allocated across the 15 Coalitions in Florida.



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## ✘ Formalized by:

- + Bylaws
- + Charter
- + Governance Structure
- + Voting Structure
- + Meeting schedule, agenda, minutes



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# NEFLHCC EXECUTIVE BOARD

## NEFLHCC Executive Board

**Executive Committee**  
(membership by county – TOTAL  
OF 10 votes)

Baker – 1  
Clay - 3  
Duval – 1  
Flagler - 1  
Nassau - 2  
St. Johns -2

A quorum is fifty percent (50%)  
of the total voting membership  
(Executive Board).

**Executive Committee**  
(One representative per county, one  
representative per discipline) (TOTAL 10 votes)

**6 County Reps**

Baker – Dan  
Mann (PH)  
*(Confirmed)*

Clay – Leigh Wilsey  
(PH) *(Confirmed)*

Duval – Tim  
Devin (Hospital)  
*(Confirmed)*

Flagler – Dave Kovacs  
(Hospital) *(Confirmed)*

Nassau-Mike Godwin  
(PH) *(Confirmed)*

St. Johns – Pico  
Torres (PH)  
*(Confirmed)*

**4 Discipline Reps**

EM – Jeff Alexander  
(St. Johns)  
*(Confirmed)*

EMS – David Motes  
(Clay) *(Confirmed)*

Hospital – Rich  
Ward (Clay)  
*(Confirmed)*

PH – Dr.Seidel  
(Nassau)  
*(Confirmed)*



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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2014-15

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- ✘ Completed Healthcare-specific Risk Assessment
  - + Identify hazards, resources, capabilities and gaps
- ✘ Two Training Classes held
  - + Continuity of Operations (2/24/15)
  - + Communications (3/18/15)
- ✘ Regional Tabletop Exercise – Measles outbreak
  - + Focus on information sharing and role of HCC in a disaster (4/29/15)



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# TASKS FOR 2015-16

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## ✘ New Plans & Procedures

- + Communications Plan
- + Continuity of Operations Plan
- + Patient Tracking Monitoring Plan
- + Resource Coordination Process

## ✘ Update Current Plans

- + Strategic Plan
- + Vulnerability Assessment

## ✘ Training (2) and Exercise requirement

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# TASKS FOR 2015-16 continued...

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- ✘ NEFLHCC specific TEP (training and exercise plan)
- ✘ Member Organization Capability Assessment & Summary
- ✘ Three (3) General Membership Meetings
- ✘ Quarterly Communications Checks
  - + Utilize Everbridge



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# THE OVERALL GOAL

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# GROW & STRENGTHEN OUR MEMBERSHIP

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# MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

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- ✘ Ongoing outreach to grow the NEFLHCC membership – required by contract
- ✘ Current members include:

First Coast Disaster Council  
Hospitals  
Emergency Medical Services  
Region 3 Emergency Management  
Region 3 Public Health  
RDSTF Health and Medical  
County Level ESF 8  
Behavioral Health – Florida Crisis Consortium



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# MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

## ✘ Targeted organizations include:

Dialysis Associations

Medical Society

Medical Examiner/Mortuary Associations

Law Enforcement

Florida Healthcare Engineers Association

Skilled Nursing Facilities

Assisted Living Associations

Palliative Care/Hospice

Walk-in Clinics

Urgent Care Centers

Home Healthcare

Pharmacies

Faith-based organizations

Children's Medical Services

Others?



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# WHY BE A COALITION MEMBER?

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- ✘ Training opportunities, including classes, conferences, webinars, etc.
- ✘ Identification of gaps in the overall healthcare system and potential funding to address them
- ✘ Opportunities to meet new people and strengthen your network of contacts
- ✘ Strengthen the REGION's healthcare system – increase the efficiency and resiliency



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# FOR MORE INFORMATION.....

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