COVID-19 and the Health Supply Chain

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Why We Exist

**Mission:** Healthcare Ready leverages unique relationships with government, nonprofit and medical supply chains to build and enhance the resilience of communities before, during and after disasters.

**Industry Call to Action**

- Protecting public health after a disaster requires continued access to essential medicines
- Better coordination & communication between sectors was needed
- A forum for resolving issues in real-time was needed

**Lessons Learned**

**Hurricane Katrina**

Rx Response (now Healthcare Ready) was built as a critical new asset to help ensure the continued flow of medicine to patients during:

- Severe natural disaster
- Large-scale terrorist attack
- Pandemic or disease outbreak
Healthcare Ready’s Focus during COVID-19

**Supply Chain**
*Coordination with end-to-end supply chain*
- Policies and exemptions that impact movement
- State outreach to emergency management (private sector liaisons) on status of supply chain operations and current challenges

**Government**
*Coordination with federal government*
- FEMA National Business Emergency Operations Center
- FEMA Supply Chain Task Force
- HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

**Healthcare**
*Outreach to healthcare partners*
- Patient coalitions and healthcare organizations focused on dispensing and direct patient care
- Pharmacies/pharmacists, dialysis coalitions, diabetes coalition
Current Operating Picture

Manufacturing
- Continuity of Operations
- Surge production of critical product
- Planning for potential increase in demand
- R&D of vaccines

Distribution
- Continuity of Operations
- Planning for potential product delays
- Global and domestic logistics
- Workforce protection – staff and 3PLs
- Managing over-ordering and panic from facilities

Providers
- Continuity of Operations
- Supply chain continuity – product availability
- Workforce protection
- Communication with patients
- Plans for surge

Patients
- Concerns about family/individual preparedness plans
- Prescription medicine availability
- Symptom monitoring – reporting to public health or healthcare facilities

Managing surge and strains in manufacturing
Logistical changes – land, maritime, air

More product required – global disruptions in manufacturing

Planning (or managing) surge; Ancillary care anticipating surge

Uncertainty about preparedness actions (or unable to prepare)
Current Concerns

- Availability of ventilator and intubation meds
- Availability of COVID-19 medicines and chronic care medicines
- Duplication of hospital requests to feds, state, and companies
- Visibility on possible future shortages
- Use of the SNS
- Impact of federal actions on supply availability
- Balancing demands from states with facilities and federal requests
- Upcoming hurricane season
- Upcoming flu season
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