



COMMISSIONER
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To: Home and Community-based Services Program Providers

Subject: Information Letter 14-84
Discontinuation of the Facility Inventory, Vacancy, and Evacuation Status System

As of November 30, 2014, the Facility Inventory, Vacancy, and Evacuation Status system (FIVES) has been discontinued. FIVES is a web-based application developed by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS). FIVES is used by nursing facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individual with an Intellectual Disability or Related Condition, assisted living facilities, Home and Community-based Services (HCS) group homes, and inpatient hospice facilities to find or record facility vacancy information during the event of a natural disaster requiring mass evacuations. FIVES allows providers to report their vacancies by county, city or provider type. Evacuating facilities, DADS, and other entities using FIVES can identify facilities in other areas of the state willing to accept evacuees. Home and Community-based Services (HCS) Program providers are not required to use a facility inventory, vacancy and emergency evacuation system. However, some program providers may be using the FIVES system.

As technology improves, DADS continues its efforts to assist healthcare facilities in emergency preparedness and emergency response. New developments in healthcare tracking have vastly improved the healthcare emergency landscape, one of these developments is EMResource, a web-based solution from Intermedix. EMResource is a system being utilized statewide for tracking available hospital beds in addition to other hospital and EMS resources and emergency response data. EMResource can be accessed from multiple sources including smartphones, iPads or tablets. All Texas licensed hospitals and dialysis facilities are currently available for situational awareness in EMResource. Participation in EMResource further incorporates HCS program providers into the Texas healthcare coalition as well as enhance local emergency response efforts. (see below) EMResource transition for HCS program providers will become effective January 1, 2015.

EMResource is not maintained by DADS. DADS has been working with Intermedix, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Texas Hospital Preparedness Program (TX HPP) regional lead agencies to configure EMResource for non-hospital based settings, including HCS program providers. All user accounts and EMResource training will be coordinated by the TX HPP regional lead agency in your area. HCS program providers' utilization of EMResource is optional.

HCS program providers will need a user account to be established before they can log into [EMResource](#). HCS program providers should contact their closest TX HPP regional lead agency. (see below) HCS program providers will need to provide their provider name, address, phone number, and email address to [EMResource](#). HCS program providers choosing to participate should contact the applicable TX HPP regional lead agency and begin the transition process anytime before or after January 1st.

If you have questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact a policy specialist in the Policy, Rules and Curriculum Development unit at 512-438-2116.

Sincerely,

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