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Directors:

The Ohio EMA is providing Federal Declaration and Cost Recovery information as a follow-up to this afternoons County Directors Conference Call for the Swine Flu Outbreak.

Federal Declaration Process/Cost Recovery

- A (Governors) request for a federal disaster declaration for this event would require the State meeting published criteria, that is meeting the statewide per capita threshold of approximately \$15 million and individual counties meeting their \$3.28 per capita threshold. It is understood current expenditures are well below these thresholds.
- As the outbreak may last for an extended period it would be prudent for local officials to track expenses for the duration.
- See the attached FEMA Human Influenza Pandemic Policy, 9523.17 (2 versions) and the associated Fact Sheet (follows in the body of this email) for details of the Policy, to include potential eligible, and ineligible expenses.
- Questions to this information may be posed via return email or please call me at (614) 799-3669.

HUMAN INFLUENZA PANDEMIC
Fact Sheet
FEMA Public Assistance Program

This Fact Sheet provides an overview of the FEMA Public Assistance Program Policy (DAP 9523.17) that addresses, Emergency Assistance for Human Influenza Pandemic.

Background

The Public Assistance Program is a cost-shared (75% federal share) grant that reimburses applicants (state and local governments and certain private-non-profits) for expenses associated with a particular event. In the case of a human influenza pandemic the Policy details eligible and ineligible activities conducted by those eligible applicants.

Overview

The Policy provides for limited reimbursement of expenses incurred while performing certain emergency protective measures during an outbreak of human influenza pandemic. Reimbursement would take place under a Federal Disaster and Relief Act (Stafford Act) Declaration (Emergency or Major Disaster). The federal declaration would be predicated on a positive Presidential response to a Governor's written declaration request.

Eligible Costs

The eligible activities listed in the Policy include:

- Activation of any State Agency/Local Emergency Operations Center
- Purchase and distribution of consumable supplies (food, ice, water, medicine, etc)
- Management, control and reduction of public health and safety threats
- Movement of supplies and persons
- Security forces, barricades and fencing, and warning devises
- Emergency medical care to disaster victims at a Temporary Medical Facility or Shelter

- Temporary medical facility and/or congregate shelter
- Communicating health and safety information to the public
- Technical assistance on disaster management and control to State/local governments
- Location and recovery of individuals requiring assistance (Search and rescue)
- Locating, recovering, storing, interning of human remains
- Mass Mortuary Services
- Unless funded by another federal authority; Recovery/disposal of animal carcasses

NOTE: (See Policy - VII. B. Eligible Costs) Only overtime pay for an applicant's regular employee may be eligible for reimbursement.

Ineligible Costs

- Definitive medical care (Beyond emergency medical care, post-admission hospital care)
- Costs associated with loss of revenue
- Increased administrative/operational costs to hospitals due to increased patient load
- Rest time for medical staff
- Insured damages/costs: Applicants should not seek reimbursement of costs underwritten by; private insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, pre-existing private payment agreement

Regards,

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