Emergency Preparedness: The Role of Medical Products Distributors

Provide Key Support to Healthcare First Responders

Medical product distributors play a unique role in emergency preparedness and provide key support to healthcare’s first responders during natural disasters, biological events, and other adverse scenarios. Distributors work to ensure access to critical healthcare commodities for patients, serving more than 295,000 pts of care nationwide.

Medical Products Distributors Support Providers

- 5,000+ Types of Products on Hand
- 20-30 Days Supply of Products in Stock
- 50-mile Proximity of Most Urban Centers
- 24 Hour Delivery Time to Most Providers
- 600+ Locations Across the Country

ACCESS TO CRITICAL HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS

- Medical Supplies
- Infection Control and Prevention
- Diagnostics
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Pain Relief
- Surgical Instruments
- IV Solutions

Note: This is a partial list. For a more comprehensive list, please see the Department of Commerce Study with 128 identified critical commodities, located here. The CDC has certain specifications for personal protective equipment depending on the disease.

Proactive Communication with Key Federal Agencies

HIDA is a conduit between distributors and government agencies, working to create linkages and foster coordination.

100+ Medical Products Distributors

120+ Medical Products Manufacturers

CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
HHS (Health and Human Services)
Healthcare Sector Coordinating Council
Providers and First Responders
DHS (Department of Homeland Security)