

SECTION II - FUNCTIONS

PART L - MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT

1. Purpose

This section describes the medical services available for treating contaminated injured individuals. The term "contaminated injured" means: (1) contaminated and otherwise physically injured; (2) contaminated and exposed to dangerous levels of radiation; or (3) exposed to dangerous levels of radiation.

2. Hospitals

A list of Medical Support (MS-1) hospitals are contracted to serve as the primary medical facilities outside the 10-mile EPZ to receive and treat contaminated injured individuals. These hospitals are Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center, Brockton, MA and Quincy Medical Center, Quincy MA.

The hospitals are equipped, trained and staffed to provide medical expertise and to furnish medical assistance at their facilities to contaminated injured patients.

Agreements are listed in the MEMA Region II Plan.

3. Evaluation of Radiation Exposure

The above hospitals are capable of providing diagnostic evaluation services for individuals with an uptake of radioactive materials. The hospitals may also seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Energy, Radiological Assistance Medical Team, in the performance of these services. The request for this assistance shall be made by the MDPH in coordination with MEMA.

4. Training

Training for personnel at medical facilities and ambulance services will be provided by MDPH and/or MEMA. This training is described in Section II, Part O.

5. Transportation of Contaminated Injured Individuals

Contaminated injured patients will be transported to the above-mentioned hospitals by ambulances and crews dispatched through the town dispatch center.

Following the transfer of the patient, each EMS attendant will be monitored and decontaminated, if necessary. The ambulance vehicle and equipment will also be monitored for contamination and, if contaminated, will be held for decontamination.

- a. Life threatening injuries to a contaminated injured person will necessitate an Advanced Life Support (ALS) response, if available.
- b. Non-life threatening injuries to a contaminated injured person will be provided Basic Life Support (BLS) services.
- c. If a "State of Emergency" has been declared, the Massachusetts National Guard personnel may assist with normal transportation duties

6. Drills and Exercises

Drills and exercises involving the transport and treatment of a person with simulated injuries and contamination are described in Section II, Part N.