

Article - Health - General**SUBTITLE 9. CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND
RESPONSE PROGRAM.**

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(A) IN THIS SECTION SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 41, § ~~2-201~~ 2-104 OF THE CODE.

(C) "DEADLY AGENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 41, § ~~2-201~~ 2-104 OF THE CODE.

(D) "EXPOSURE TO A DEADLY AGENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 41, § ~~2-201~~ 2-104 OF THE CODE.

(E) "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ~~ARTICLE 41, § 2-201 OF THE CODE~~ § 19-114(E)(1) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(F) (1) "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ~~ARTICLE 41, § 2-201 OF THE CODE~~ § 19-114(F) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED OR CERTIFIED AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER UNDER § 13-516 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(G) "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" ~~HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 41, § 2-201 OF THE CODE~~ MEANS:

~~(I)~~ (1) A HEALTH CARE FACILITY; OR

~~(H)~~ (2) A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.

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NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE SECRETARY MAY EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THIS SUBTITLE TO:

(1) CONTINUOUSLY EVALUATE AND MODIFY EXISTING DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO DETECT A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY;

(2) INVESTIGATE ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL EXPOSURES TO A DEADLY AGENT; AND

(3) MINIMIZE POTENTIAL MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY CAUSED BY A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TREAT, PREVENT, OR REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE OR OUTBREAK BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE EXPOSURE TO A DEADLY AGENT.