

ANNOUNCEMENT

To: All DADS Licensed Agencies

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Re: Bed Reporting During Emergencies

Effective October 1, 2014, the Department of Aging and Disability Services will begin using the EMResource © tool to report bed availability instead of FIVES. This system is the one that acute care facilities have been using for years. The Department is moving to this tool to allow for enhanced ESF8 situational awareness during an emergency/disaster. Having all of the ESF 8 bed data flowing through the same system will be better for those affected by the emergency/disaster. In order to receive logins and training on the system, each facility will need to contact their local Regional Advisory Council (RAC). A listing of the RAC point of contacts is attached for your reference. Once a majority of the agencies has been trained on the system, we will hold a statewide bed reporting drill to look for gaps in the process. The training time needed on this system is very minimal. Your agency's commitment to the new process is greatly appreciated.

