**Policy: 1135 Waivers, Alternate Care Sites, and Use of Volunteers (Appendix Z E0026)**FACILITY is an active partner in the Minnesota Department of Health’s (insert region) [Public Health Preparedness Coalition](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.health.state.mn.us%2Foep%2Fcontact%2Fteamsregions.html&data=02%7C01%7Cdbeardsl%40careproviders.org%7C8e570391e3074458ecbf08d58f56979b%7C8a0a827bf35d478280977b33993b75e2%7C0%7C0%7C636572525414361739&sdata=IddFcgmhWIRjBYvmK%2BCq2BvxBKZQxE5ONGcGhSsaRDA%3D&reserved=0).  In the event of a disaster declaration, working with the Public Health Preparedness Coalition, FACILITY could either establish or participate in the establishment of alternate care site(s) to either augment or support the loss of resident services in the community.

It is understood that during disaster declarations a [1135 waiver](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2FMedicare%2FProvider-Enrollment-and-Certification%2FSurveyCertEmergPrep%2F1135-Waivers.html&data=02%7C01%7Cdbeardsl%40careproviders.org%7C8e570391e3074458ecbf08d58f56979b%7C8a0a827bf35d478280977b33993b75e2%7C0%7C0%7C636572525414361739&sdata=EMGFR9KZ6ac4apiZqqcc002uK79af9oXbxKd0mqXOvY%3D&reserved=0) *may* be automatically granted to health care facilities certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) . However, should this situation occur, FACILITY will contact the [CMS Region 5](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2FAbout-CMS%2FAgency-Information%2FRegionalOffices%2FDownloads%2FChicagoRegionalOffice.pdf&data=02%7C01%7Cdbeardsl%40careproviders.org%7C8e570391e3074458ecbf08d58f56979b%7C8a0a827bf35d478280977b33993b75e2%7C0%7C1%7C636572525414361739&sdata=rK%2Fjv3%2FEM4W0jD5uPoGwU%2FSgLVQqNJ2UAfKmLebtjkI%3D&reserved=0) office to confirm that a 1135 waiver has been granted, advise that FACILITY is participating in a disaster response under the 1135 waiver, and advise that FACILITY may temporarily not be able to meet certain CMS Requirements of Participation that skilled nursing facilities are required to meet under normal operating conditions. If a waiver has not yet been granted, FACILITY will request a waiver at that time. FACILITY will also confirm status with the Minnesota Department of Health regarding State Nursing Home Rules and Statutes.

The contact information for **CMS Region V** is:
Phone: 312-886-6432

Email ROCHISC@cms.hhs.gov  or  ROCHIORA@cms.hhs.gov

The contact information for **Minnesota Department of Health Licensing and Certification Program** is:

Phone: 651-201-4101
Email health.fpc-web@state.mn.us

In the event that volunteers arrive to assist with unmet healthcare needs in declared emergency situations, FACILITY will work with available resources to confirm appropriate credentials where credentials are required (volunteers assisting in tasks requiring personal licensure, certification, or registration). [MnResponds Medical Reserve Corps](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mnresponds.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cdbeardsl%40careproviders.org%7C8e570391e3074458ecbf08d58f56979b%7C8a0a827bf35d478280977b33993b75e2%7C0%7C0%7C636572525414361739&sdata=BXEYHc3SxHqCJjX2Zhl%2B5bdxp1bAQ7lTj8NWYF300B0%3D&reserved=0) (1-651-201-5700 and minnesotaresponds@state.mn.us) volunteers provided through local [Public Health](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.health.state.mn.us%2Fdivs%2Fopi%2Fgov%2Ffind.html&data=02%7C01%7Cdbeardsl%40careproviders.org%7C8e570391e3074458ecbf08d58f56979b%7C8a0a827bf35d478280977b33993b75e2%7C0%7C0%7C636572525414361739&sdata=hM81ZysWmA6OMga9YP50Bmc0nTbp1O%2FhB8wF9I7D7sY%3D&reserved=0) (651-201-3880 and health.ophp@state.mn.us) are credentialed through Minnesota Department of Health. When practicable, applicable Just-In-Time Training will be provided to all volunteers.

Additional information regarding 1135 Waivers:

* CMS - Requesting a 1135 Waiver: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Downloads/Requesting-an-1135-Waiver-101.pdf>
* CMS - 1135 Waivers Website: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/1135-Waivers.html>
* CMS - 1135 Waiver Request Communication Method- Best Practice: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Downloads/What-Information-to-Provide-for-an-1135-Waiver-Request.pdf>