

## **Guidance on Crisis Standards of Care (CSC) Strategies**

ASPR has developed a Communities of Interest (COI) site to better disseminate information and manage documents; share promising practices and ideas; and provide a workspace where users from inside and outside HHS/ASPR can come together to share documents and ideas regarding the crisis standards of care (CSC) and allocation of scarce resources (ASR). HHS/ASPR uses the term "communities of interest" to describe and include all of the interested parties involved in CSC and ASR planning.

During an event, some facilities may need to transition into Crisis Standards of Care (CSC), which outline the level of care that can be provided during a catastrophic event that severely strains a healthcare system (and may include the allocation of scarce resources). During emergencies, the demand for medical services and supplies may exceed supply. This reinforces the need to plan for all-hazards and scarce resource allocation. To better assist awardees to prepare for a catastrophic event, ASPR developed a "Communities of Interest" (COI) website that serves as a forum for awardees to access the most promising CSC and ASR guidelines. The COI site includes research, journal articles, tools, briefing materials, HPP guideline documents and state-based CSC and ASR plans. Guidelines on CSC and Allocation of Scarce Resources (ASR) can be found on ASPR's ["Communities of Interest" \(COI\) website](#).

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