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FEMA DELIVERS SUPPLIES FOR FIELD MEDICAL STATION (FMS) IN BUTTE COUNTY

Expands Surge Capacity for COVID-19

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – On Monday, April 6, 2020, medical supplies provided by FEMA were delivered by the 146th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard to the Enloe Rehabilitation Center located in Chico at 340 W. East Avenue. This site is designed to expand medical surge capacity as needed in response to COVID-19.

The site, which is now a Field Medical Station (FMS), will extend the county's capacity to treat patients requiring hospitalization. An FMS provides support and resolves health and medical capability gaps during public health emergencies that exceed the health care systems.

FMS's are short term solutions for health care resources and not open to the public. Patients will be admitted to this location after a clinical assessment from a healthcare provider.

The Enloe Rehabilitation Center will be converted and outfitted with 125 field hospital beds and supplies to treat patients in need of hospitalization.

Butte County Public Health worked with Enloe Medical Center to secure the location of the FMS. Because this site was approved, Enloe will be able to provide staff for the FMS and wraparound services such as dietary, housekeeping, etc.

Background: Federal Medical Stations (FMS)

In 2004, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) initiated a project to design and evaluate a deployable medical capability to support medical response requirements of the National Response Plan (NRS). When a public health emergency exceeds the capacity and capability of the State, regional and local healthcare resources, temporary patient surge occurs that may trigger a support requirement for federal services and supplies.

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