

# ALTERNATE CARE SITE PLANS



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- Alternate Care Site plans should establish at least two alternate facility sites when a complete evacuation of the facility is required.
- In some cases and depending on the situation, relocation may occur to a suitable facility within the same region for a short -term basis.
- In the event however, that a disastrous situation strikes an entire geographical area, an alternate care site must be located at least 50 miles away from the facility.
- CMS guidelines require at least two relocation sites with one being 50 miles away from the facility.

## ALTERNATE CARE SITE REQUIREMENTS

- Must meet basic requirements for safety and security of the residents and staff members.
- Alternate care site must provide the same level of care or higher to the residents whether it be another long term care facility or hospital.
- A thorough evaluation of an Alternate facility should be conducted to ensure that the facility meets the appropriate need of the residents.

## GUIDELINES

- It should be assured that the alternate facility providers are trained to the needs of the chronic, cognitively impaired and frail population, as well as knowledgeable of the methods to minimize transfer trauma.