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Title: 3.8 CoC Policies & Procedures for Emergency Situations

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### **Policy:**

This policy outlines changes to CoC policies and procedures that may result from emergency situations or disasters that impact the ability of programs to safely and quickly access documentation needed for CoC and ESF funded programs. Emergency situations or disasters can include but are not limited to:

- Large-scale public health crisis (i.e. large-scale outbreak of infectious diseases)
- Natural disaster (i.e. tornado, earthquake, flood)
- Technological (man-made) disasters (i.e. terrorism, nuclear accidents)

Due to the fact that emergency situations often vary in severity and impact, this policy will reflect flexibilities that the CoC has in order to adjust policies or procedures based on federal, state, and local guidance.

### **Procedure:**

In the event of a large-scale emergency event or disaster (i.e. natural disaster, pandemic, etc.), the CoC will follow federal, state, and local guidelines for adjusting any requirements for HUD-funded programs. HUD may also release waivers that can overrule local CoC policies and/or program requirements and regulations. An emergency policy will be created for every new disaster/emergency event that requires changes to standard CoC operations which can include, but is not limited to:

- Changes to documentation requirements based on HUD updates or guidance
- Changes to prioritization for HUD-funded programs based on HUD guidance and most pressing need within the community
- Any additional updates or changes that HUD has required based on federal guidance

Emergency policies and procedures will be drafted by the CoC Lead Agency and approved by the Governing Council prior to their implementation within the CoC. All policies will be required to have a timeline for expiration based on guidance from local/state/federal partners on when general operations are able to return to normal.