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•What is Regionalization?

- Opportunity to improve the nation's delivery of health care by increasing community resiliency
- Coordinated systems of care crossing regional/political boundaries
- Provides the greatest ability to provide and distribute the best care to patients with emergent conditions (stroke, major trauma, STEMI, pediatric care, sepsis, others)

•Preparedness and Regionalization

- Advance dual purpose public health, medical and mental health preparedness
- Link between daily delivery of care and disaster preparedness
- Needs to deliver the right care to all patients at the right time daily AND in disasters
- Build on HPP Healthcare coalitions, MMRS, local EMS mutual aid plans, etc
- Improved opportunity to exercise disaster plans

•Significant opportunities exist—Execution

- Best practices disseminated (i.e. HRSA Trauma Program) → CAP
- Research—acquire data to understand patient outcomes, standardized nomenclature and definitions
- Cannot be ad hoc--Standing agreements/MOUs in place to formalize approach
- Formalized-legislation, regulations and funding to support mission