

What is a State Medical Assistance Team (SMAT)?

A SMAT II team is a hospital-based team of medical professionals established to provide patient decontamination, mass medical care, alternate care facilities, and mass drug distribution points. Mississippi currently has two SMAT II Councils – North and South, which are based at each of the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) sponsor hospitals. The University of Mississippi Medical Center is the sponsoring Hospital for the South Region, Mississippi MED-1, and has two of the 50 bed mobile field hospital units. This allows a build-out capacity of 100 beds for the Southern Region. The sponsoring Hospital works in conjunction with the Mississippi State Department of Health and operates under the ESF#8 Guidelines.

SMAT teams are made up of, but not limited to the following:

- Physicians
- Registered Nurses
- Disease Surveillance Nurses
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Physician Extenders
- Pharmacists
- Laboratory Specialists
- Mental Health Specialists
- Hazmat Technicians
- Law Enforcement/Protection Officers
- Logistics Specialists
- Respiratory Therapists
- Communications & I.T. Specialists
- Administrative Specialists
- Communications
- Financial Specialists
- Environmental Health Specialists
- Paramedics
- Emergency Medical Technicians
- And Others

