

## **SNS Federal Medical Station (FMS) Deployment and Custody Transfer**

On July 24, 2025, the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) announced the retirement of Federal Medical Stations (FMS) in order to more closely focus investments on chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive device (CBRNE) public health threats. These FMS sets are available to state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) partners interested in adding this capability to their own stockpiles.

A process to deploy and transfer ownership of FMS sets to interested SLTT partners is underway. Please review a few important details about FMS sets and the custody transfer process:

- Items available for deployment and ownership transfer include:
  - 50-bed FMS: 20 sets
  - 250-bed FMS: 39 sets
  - Bariatric kits: 5 kits
- Both the 50-bed and 250-bed FMS sets include Bariatric kits. There are five (5) additional Bariatric kits available.
- At full set-up, each 50-bed set requires 15,000 sq. ft of space and consist of 49 Tri-walls.
- At full set-up, each 250-bed set require 40,000 sq. ft of space and consist of 184Tri-walls.
- Each 50-bed set is deployed in a 53-foot trailer that requires a loading dock and material handling equipment (MHE) to offload the Tri-walls.
- Each 250-bed set requires three 53-foot trailers that requires a loading dock and material handling equipment (MHE) to offload the Tri-walls.
- The quantities of supplies provided differ between the 50 and 250-bed FMS sets. However, each comes with:
  - A three-day supply of medical equipment and surgical and general supplies
  - Enhanced care treatment beds (Bed, Bariatric) and hospital adjustable exam beds
  - IV poles
  - Toddler cots and pack-and-plays
  - Housekeeping items, nursing station supplies
  - Personal protective items (e.g., gloves, gowns), and other equipment for general, special care, and other non-acute care.
- FMS sets will be transferred “as is”. The SNS will not replenish missing or short-dated inventory items in individual sets prior to transfer. Pharmacy caches will not be transferred with any set.
- Jurisdictions will be required to sign an agreement confirming understanding of responsibilities related to the custody transfer.
- The application period to request an FMS set is open through January 15,2026.

- Previewing sets at any SNS warehouses will not be allowed.
- The SNS will pay deployment costs.

#### **Application Process:**

- The SNS will announce when the request window opens via a direct message to the Director of Public Health Preparedness and Medical Countermeasure Coordinator mailing lists.
- Requests must come from the state, directly funded locality, or territorial Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) director.
- Tribal leaders or health officials within Tribal nations may submit request through their State public health partners, Indian Health Services (IHS) or directly to SNS.
  - **\*States submitting requests for Tribal nation(s) within their jurisdiction must identify the Tribal nation(s) being supported.**
- Each request must include the following information:
  - Type and number of FMS sets requested
  - Points of contact (POCs).
    - Primary POC name, title, email, and telephone number
    - Alternate POC name, title, email, and telephone number
  - Specifics for Delivery
    - Receiving location address
    - Hours of operation for receiving facility (include time zone)
    - Facility POC name and telephone number
- Submit request via the link [FMS Request Form](#)
- Requests outside the stated window will be considered if FMS sets are still available.
- SLTT partners must return completed and signed custody transfer document once informed by SNS of the type and number of FMS provided. Custody transfer document must be received by SNS before FMS is deployed.
- FMS sets will be delivered to receiving locations during normal business hours Monday through Friday.