

**SEQ CHAPTER \h\r 1DHS BAA Project/Domain B:
Health System Integration, Project 2:
Assessment and recommendation for standardization of memoranda of understanding
(MOUs) for enhanced health system integration**

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The primary goal of this joint effort with the medical schools at Albany, Rochester and Buffalo will be to develop a standardized MOU which describes key criteria for mutual aid arrangements between healthcare institutions (hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, rehabilitation facilities, etc) within a given healthcare system. The project team will strive to develop or describe critical elements for a standard MOU for use within any health system by examining national models and standards (if any). The team will work with the Health Policy and Law group, HRSA Regional Resource Centers, and other agencies to review and study establishment of policies, ethics, and legal standards which are applicable in pre-event awareness, deterrence, and prevention, and management during a high consequence event. Local and state agencies will be approached for assistance in outlining key elements required for effective inter-agency coordination among response agencies and which optimizes integration of the healthcare system within state and local response.