

# Public Health Emergency Response for Intimate Partner Violence

## BACKGROUND

The Health Resources and Services Administration's Office of Women's Health asked the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to convene a multi-disciplinary committee of experts to identify the essential health care services for women related to intimate partner violence (IPV) during steady state conditions, determine any changes to that list during public health emergencies (PHEs), and define strategies to ensure women can access essential care during PHEs. The resulting report, *Essential*

*Health Care Services Addressing Intimate Partner Violence*, presents a roadmap for change.

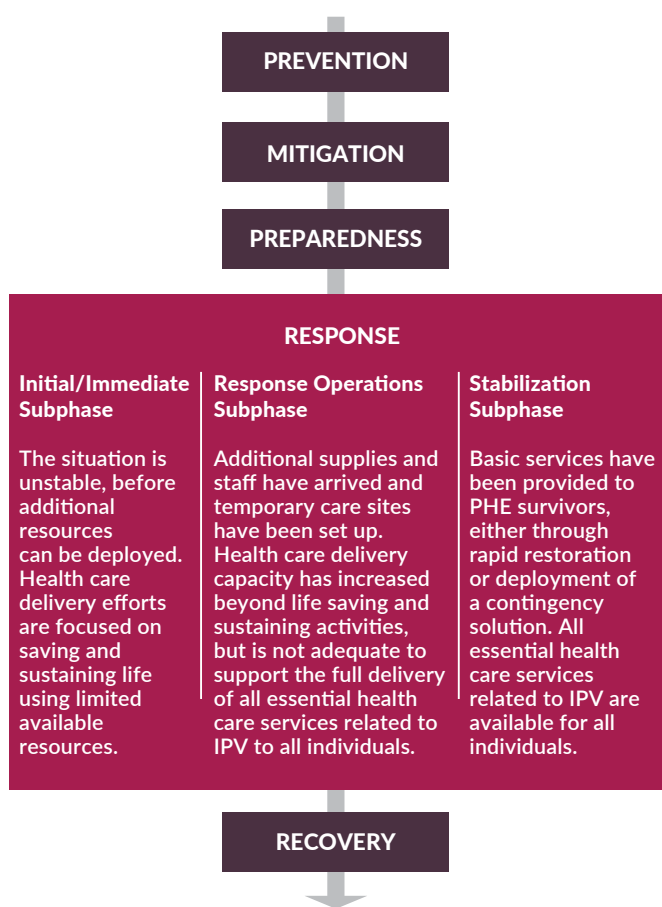
## A PHASED APPROACH TO SERVICE RESTORATION

The committee defined three subphases of the RESPONSE phase of emergency management that consider obstacles to care delivery created by PHEs.

The Initial subphase of RESPONSE prioritizes essential health care services related to IPV or components of those

services that are directly related to protecting life safety, care that is time sensitive, and care targeting populations with a high risk of serious complications, such as pregnant women. As staff and supplies become more available in the Response Operations subphase, more services are available. And in the Stabilization subphase, all essential health care services related to IPV are available.

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Essential Health Care Service	PHASE WHEN SERVICE SHOULD BE RESTORED		
	Initial	Response Operations	Stabilization
Universal IPV screening/ inquiry and education			
Safety planning			
Forensic medical exams			
Emergency medical care			
Treatment of physical injury			
Gynecologic and reproductive health care including pregnancy termination	Urgent	Non-urgent	
Obstetric care	Urgent	Non-urgent	
Perinatal home visits			
Contraception and emergency contraception	Contraceptives not requiring procedures or immediate follow-up	All types of contraceptives	
Screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, and HIV	Treatment and rapid testing	Treatment and all screening	
Substance abuse treatment	Withdrawal mitigation	All treatment	
Pharmacy/medication management			
Primary and specialty care			
Mental health care	Urgent/Crisis	Non-urgent	
Dental care	Urgent treatment for acute injuries	Urgent treatment for acute injuries	
Support services including shelter, nutritional assistance, child care			

- Restore services for all patients
- Selectively restore services for acute needs or restore targeted services
- Do not restore services during this phase