



# Building Resilient Home Health Care with Energy Storage

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# THE RESILIENT POWER PROJECT

- Increase public/private investment in clean, resilient power systems (solar+storage)
- Protect low-income and vulnerable communities, with a focus on affordable housing and critical public facilities
- Engage city, state and federal policy makers to develop supportive policies and programs
- Visit <u>www.resilient-power.org</u> for more information and resources



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# SUPPORTING 100+ PROJECTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



# Building Resilient Home Health Care with Energy Storage Webinar Speakers









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### WHO'S AT RISK WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT? MERIDIAN INSTITUTE AND CLEAN ENERGY GROUP



- Home Health Trends and Outages
- Resilient Power as a Solution
- Impact and Demographics
- Existing Solutions, Preparedness, and Support
- Potential Solutions

### HEALTH TRENDS AND OUTAGES

- More people receive health care at home than ever before
- At *least* 2.5 million people rely on electricity-dependent medical equipment
  - Majority are senior citizens
- Millions more use electricity for home care services





- Power outages have doubled in duration
- Severe weather is resulting in more frequent outages
- Utility preventative grid shutoffs are resulting in outages, even if there is no disaster

### IMPACTS





### The loss of power can be lifethreatening for the medically vulnerable

- After the Camp Fires, utilities are shutting down power lines to millions to reduce the risk of a wildfire
- These planned outages compromise the safety of electricity- dependent customers



### Growing impacts from outages due to severe weather are an increasing threat

- Health care complications, like medical device failure, accounted for nearly 1/3 of the est. 4,645 additional deaths after Hurricane Maria
- After Hurricane Irma, more than 15% of deaths were due to power outages worsening existing medical conditions

## GENERATORS

### **Generators?**

Maybe, but generators:

- Require frequent refueling
- Often emit pollutants
- Prone to failure
- Can be difficult to operate and refuel



Live 5 News, Sept.ember11 2018

### Dozens suffer carbon monoxide poisoning from generator use following Irma

AccuWeather, September 14 2078

### **RESILIENT POWER**



### Battery Storage is a Reliable, Resilient Energy Solution

- Automatically islands from the grid during an outage
- Does not emit pollutants
- Can deliver electric bill savings
- When combined with solar PV, can operate as long as solar is available
  - Lack of fuel is not an issue



## MCKNIGHT LANE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- Resilient power for modular affordable housing development
- Solar PV and battery storage systems for each unit
- Systems automatically disconnect from the grid during a utility outage
- Solar panels and batteries provide electricity to the home
- Solar systems anticipated to provide 100% of tenants' electricity needs



### EXISTING SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE



- Medically vulnerable households are only slightly more likely to evacuate
- Many seek power from local medical clinics, hospitals, critical community facilities
- This patient influx stresses facilities already dealing with capacity and operational challenges
- Disaster-related costs for Texas hospitals after Hurricane Irma were estimated at \$460 million

# EXISTING SOLUTIONS

- Emphasis on Evacuation
   Planning and Education
  - Registries
  - If possible, have access to device batteries or alternative non-electrical supplies
- Preparedness Gaps
  - Very few programs that provide backup power systems



Research and Data Development	Technology Innovation	Market Development	Federal and state policy
Expanded Insurance Coverage	Cross- sectoral collaboration	Critical facility preparedness	Utility Programs



# Technological Innovation

Batteries tailored to home medical equipment

New consumer demand: Build awareness





GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER



### CONCLUSION

#### **Resilient Power Project**

#### HOME HEALTH CARE IN THE DARK

Why Climate, Wildfires and Other Emerging Risks Call for Resilient Energy Storage Solutions to Protect Medically Vulnerable Households from Power Outages







Read the report online here: <u>https://www.cleanegroup.org/ceg-resources/resource/battery-</u> <u>storage-home-healthcare/</u>

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# HHS emPOWER PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Joint Program of the

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

2019

### Why was the HHS emPOWER Program created?

Millions of Americans rely on electricity-dependent medical equipment and essential health care services to live independently in their homes

In the event of an **incident**, **emergency**, **or disaster**, at-risk populations often seek immediate care from first responders (e.g., EMS), hospitals, and shelters This leads to **surges in health care demand** and **stress** on systems and shelters

Can Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) data help communities **protect the health** of community-based at-risk populations, **ensure continuity of care,** and **reduce system stress**?



### **Characteristics of the HHS emPOWER Population**



<sup>1</sup> Population for Medicare (Parts A and B) and Medicare Advantage (Part C) as of January 2019.
 <sup>2</sup> As of January 2019, 28.6% of the emPOWER population is dual-eligible (beneficiary is enrolled in both a Medicare Program and a State operated Medicaid Program) as compared to 18.6% of the total Medicare population.
 <sup>3</sup> The total counts Medicare beneficiaries only once, even if they have more than one piece of electricity-dependent DME.



### **emPOWER Informs Community Partnerships**

The HHS emPOWER Program helps public health authorities engage a variety of national, state, local, and community partners throughout the emergency management cycle



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### The HHS emPOWER Program emPOWERing Communities, Saving Lives

The HHS emPOWER Program, a partnership between ASPR and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, provides dynamic data and mapping tools to help communities **protect the health of more than 4.1 million** Medicare beneficiaries who live independently and rely on electricity-dependent medical equipment and health care services





### Sample Uses of the emPOWER Data

The emPOWER de-identified data can help inform and support decision making by public health authorities and their partners, as they deem appropriate, prior to, during, and after an emergency



Anticipate potential health system surge and leverage resources to mitigate stress



Develop emergency plans, systems, processes, and triggers



Identify and address potential gaps in emergency resources



Identify optimal locations, staffing, resources, and power needs for shelters



Assess accessible transportation needs and evacuation routes



Inform power restoration prioritization decisions



### **Use Case: Hurricane Matthew in Florida**

The HHS emPOWER Program helped Florida quickly identify and provide outreach to tens of thousands of at-risk individuals, setting the stage for life-saving emergency response

Preparedness	Response	Impact	a theks enville
In anticipation of Hurricane Matthew, the Florida Department of Health used the emPOWER Emergency Response Outreach Dataset to identify at-risk	A life safety call was made to almost 45,000 residents by the Florida Division of Emergency Management using the Statewide Alerting and Notification System	Staff <b>contacted the 169</b> <b>individuals</b> who indicated they might have a health need during and shortly after the hurricane	Guff af Mexico
individuals in seven counties and performed a <b>reverse lookup of phone</b>			<b>44,500</b> at-risk residents identified and called
numbers Supporting part • Florida Division Management a Operations Cer	n of Emergency Manage nd Emergency	HA and Emergency ers	<ul> <li>17,000 residents responded to calls</li> <li>169 individuals requested assistance</li> </ul>
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### **Use Case: Severe Flooding in Nevada**

In HHS emPOWER Program tools helped Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) and Washoe County Health District (WCHD) assess its capacity to assist at-risk populations and engage partners to ensure coordinated outreach

	Preparedness	Outreach	Impact		
In 2017, CCHHS used both emPOWER datasets to <b>identify and address gaps</b> <b>in resources</b> (e.g., oxygen tanks) for the at-risk population in the event of required evacuations		the emPOWER Emergency Response Outreach Dataset en to <b>identify at-risk</b> <b>individuals living in flood-</b> f <b>prone, avalanche-prone,</b>	CCHHS is expanding use of the emergency planning dataset to help <b>set up mass</b> <b>care operations and inform</b> <b>umbrella contracts</b> with DME companies. WCHD and	Subject of the second s	
	required evacuations	and remote areas, and coordinated with partners to conduct outreach	Washoe County GIS developed an effective way to operationalize emPOWER data within 30 minutes	4 counties in Nevada benefitted from emPOWER Program data	
	Supporting part     NV Division of F Behavioral Heal     NV Aging and D	Public and Manag Ith • NV Nat	ision of Emergency ement tional Guard mergency Manager	<b>300</b> homes in flood-prone areas contacted by CCHHS	
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### **Use Case: Hurricane Irma in US Virgin Islands**

HHS emPOWER Program tools helped the US Virgin Islands identify and locate individuals dependent on dialysis for life-saving outreach and evacuation

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Preparedness	Response	Impact	Condex Amore History H
In 2017, ASPR, CMS, and territorial public health officials used both datasets to to identify health care and resource gaps for dialysis patients and develop a plan with End-Stage Renal Networks and dialysis providers to ensure continuity of their life-maintaining health care services	Response Outreach Dataset and CMS-3178-F reporting requirements to <b>rapidly</b> <b>identify, locate, and conduct</b> <b>life-saving evacuations</b> of dialysis patients via ASPR	ASPR is developing best practices to assist others in understanding how emPOWER data and the CMS 3178-F reporting requirements <sup>1</sup> can help to inform and protect the lives of at-risk individuals in disasters	235 life-saving evacuations from St. Thomas and
<ul> <li>Supporting partne</li> <li>ASPR</li> <li>CMS</li> <li>Dialysis providers</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Networks</li><li>FEMA</li></ul>	<ul> <li>US Public Health Service (USPHS)</li> <li>Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)</li> </ul>	St. Croix <sup>1</sup> A means, in the event of an evacuation, to release patient information as permitted under <u>45</u> <u>CFR 164.510(b)(1)(ii).</u>



# Additional Resources and Information

### HHS emPOWER Program Resources

#### Training

• <u>HHS emPOWER Program Web-based Training Program (ID #1083714)</u> is a free, publicly accessible course designed to help partners better understand the HHS emPOWER Program\* and integrate its tools into their emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities. The course is divided into five modules, which provide: an introduction to the HHS emPOWER Program, a detailed overview of each of the mapping and dataset tools, practical application examples and case studies of how public health authorities and their partners have used the program tools in real world emergencies.

#### **Informational Resources**

- <u>HHS emPOWER Program Executive Summary</u>
- <u>HHS emPOWER Program Fact Sheet</u>
- HHS emPOWER Map Job Aid
- HHS emPOWER REST Service Public Job Aid
- HHS emPOWER REST Service Public Link
  - The REST Service allows users to consume the HHS emPOWER Map data layer in their own geographic information system (GIS) applications to help them better integrate and use this with other community data to inform and support public health activities across the emergency management cycle.



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# PV-Battery Systems for Critical Loads during Emergencies: Case Study from Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria



### Puerto Rico



### Hurricane Maria

Hurricane Maria 150 MPH, Category 5 September 20, 2017 (NOAA)



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### **ENERGY OUTPUT RESTORED**

Sept. 20 Maria makes landfall 99.3% 100% 95.7% 100% 80 80 60 60 40 40 20 20 0 0 Sept. 7 March 21 Sept. 21 March 21

ACTIVE CELL SERVICE SITES



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### Who suffers most during extended blackouts?

Recipients of health care at home depend on electricity

- 1. Severe: Need electricity and therapy to sustain life
  - A. Dialysis
  - B. Respirators
  - C. Oxygen Therapy

2. Serious: Health deteriorates without access to power

- A. Asthma
- B. Sleeping disorders (Apnea)
- C. Mobility bedridden
- D. Diabetes and special diets
- E. PEG Feeding

#### What We Need to Know to Plan Ahead

- > How many people are dependent on electricity?
- > How many can evacuate? Who? Where?
- > How much electricity is required by individuals with specific conditions?
- > What are long term effects of power outages on community health?
- > How do people adapt during emergencies?

#### Knowing what we don't know...

> How do alternatives to grid energy perform during emergencies?

- Gas / Diesel Generators
- Solar Energy Systems
- Can micro-grids increase resilience?
- > What are technological, educational, social and economic barriers to implementing emergency power?
- > What is the vulnerability of a specific community?

# Restoration of power to mountainous areas is difficult



UW researchers made three field trips

> First Field Trip: Preliminary Needs Assessment

> Second Field Trip: PV-Battery Systems Deployment

> Third Field Trip: Data Collection and Analysis











#### **Preliminary Needs Assessment**

- > Identify patients
- > Conduct interviews
- > Identify the critical medical needs that require electric power at the household level
- > Power requirements associated with these needs

The correct information leads to a better design and planning of power systems

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#### **Energy Flow in a PV-Battery System**



### Installed Systems

table 2. A summary of the various systems installed.									
	PV Size (W)	Battery	мррт	Inverter (kW)	Number of Installations				
Туре А	260	160 Ah (lead acid)	Yes	1	Six				
Туре В	100–200	80–100 Ah (lead acid)	No	1	Six				
Туре С	400	1.1 kWh (lithium ion)	Yes	1.1	Five				
Туре D	100	100 Ah (lead acid)	No	dc system	Four				









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Analysis of Field Data

- > Energy Consumption and Generation
- > Battery Degradation
- > Load Profiles
- > Survey



#### **Energy Consumption and Generation**



### **Battery Degradation**



#### Load Profiles



#### Simulation Results and Discussion

- > How do we properly size PV-battery systems to minimize cost but supply power to all the **critical loads** over a year.
- > Load profiles for different devices
- > PV generation data from NREL (location based)
- > Lead-acid batteries (cycles per DoD)
- > Linear optimization method, considering demand and PV variations and battery degradation cost.

#### Summary of Simulation Results

table 5. A comparison of various PV battery system designs.												
	Batterv	PV	Total PV (kWh),	Total Load (kWh),	Battery Cycles (n)			Cost (US\$)				
Battery Type and DoD	Size (Ah) at 12 V	Size (Wp)	One "	(kvvn), One Year	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years
Case A: Refrigerator, nebulizer, and TV												
Lithium ion (100% DoD)	100	800	1,291	484	78	235	392	783	2,150, r = 0	2,150, r = 0	2,150, r = 0	2,150, r = 0
Lead acid (100% DoD)	170	600	968		63	188	313	626	1,291, r = 0	1,291, r = 0	1,682, r = 1	2,464, r = 3
Lead acid (50% DoD)	260	700	1,130		36	107	178	356	1,648, r = 0	1,648, r = 0	1,648, r = 0	1,648, r = 0
Case B: PEG patient and small refrigerator												
Lithium ion (100% DoD)	60	300	484	197	166	497	828	1,655	1,020, r = 0	1,020, r = 0	1,020, r = 0	1,020, r = 0
Lead acid (100% DoD)	120	200	323		92	275	458	916	576, r = 0	852, r = 1	1,128, r = 2	1,680, r = 4
Lead acid (50% DoD)	120	300	484		88	263	438	876	726, r = 0	726, r = 0	726, r = 0	1,002, r = 1
Case C: CPAP, refrigerator, and small TV												
Lithium ion (100% DoD)	120	700	1,130	459	245	735	1,225	2,450	2,190, r = 0	2,190, r = 0	2,190, r = 0	2,190, r = 0
Lead acid (100% DoD)	270	500	807		117	351	585	1,170	1,371, r = 0	1,992, r = 1	2,613, r = 2	4,476, r = 5
Lead acid (50% DoD)	290	700	1,130		108	324	540	1,080	1,717, r = 0	1,717, r = 0	2,384, r = 1	3,051, r = 2
Case D: Oxygen concentrator, refrigerator, and TV												
Lithium ion (100% DoD)	950	4,900	7,907	3,594	219	656	1,093	2,185	5,900, r = 0	5,900, r = 0	5,900, r = 0	5,900, r = 0
Lead acid (100% DoD)	2,070	3,800	6,132		108	324	540	1,080	r = 0	r = 1	r = 2	r = 5
Lead acid (50% DoD)	1,980	5,500	8,875		110	331	552	1,103	r = 0	r = 0	r = 1	r = 2
The cost consists of only the PV and batteries, and r is the number of battery replacements. Wp is the nameplate value, which is a measure of												

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#### **PV-Battery Systems vs. Generator**



#### How can we move forward?

- > Extended power outages <u>will</u> occur again
- > Need to improve our understanding of energy and health dependencies
- > Research
  - Accurate critical load profiles and critical load percentages to help with sizing PV-battery systems and large microgrids.
  - Cost of lithium-ion batteries will play a major role

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#### **EVs and the Electricity System**

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