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**Title:** Disaster Recovery Plan

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**Policy:**

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**Overview**

This Information Systems Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) has been developed by Shasta Community Health Center to provide guidance for responding to ITS disasters and other security incidents. Disasters and security incidents may threaten the organization's ability to carry out its mission as well as other operational functions.

Advance planning and preparation will allow the organization to:

- Continue serving its patients and community;
- Ensure the availability of patient protected health information as well as business information;
- Minimize loss and facilitate recovery of core information systems and other business assets;
- Preserve the organization's public image and reputation within the community;
- Prevent the disaster or incident from threatening the organization's long-term stability and viability;
- Heighten organizational awareness, allow for advance preparation, and workforce education and training; and

Comply with applicable state and federal regulations and accrediting agency standards. The DRP is a collection of references, guidelines, policies, procedures, forms, and suggestions designed for responding to security incidents and disasters.

Components of this plan include:

- Disaster Recovery and Restoration - See Data Recovery Plan and Development Check List.
- Emergency Mode Operation
- Applications and Criticality Analysis
- Data Back-Up (see also supporting ITS Policies and Procedures)
- Security Incident Response (see also supporting ITS Policies and Procedures)
- Testing and Revision

Additionally, there are several documents referred to and/or appended to this plan to provide additional guidance for the management of information security, disasters and other security incidents.

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Key supporting ITS policies include:

- Security Incident Response/Reporting
- Data Backup for Information Systems

**Title: Disaster Recovery Plan****Objectives of the Disaster Recovery Plan**

1. To provide SCHC as an organization with a viable and maintained ITS Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) which, when executed, will support a timely and effective resumption and recovery of all interrupted clinical and business operations.
2. To minimize possible adverse clinical outcomes, as well as financial and business impacts, to SCHC organizations as a result of an interruption of normal business operations.
3. To reduce operational effects of an information systems disaster on SCHC organization's time-sensitive business operations and functions by providing a set of pre-defined and flexible guidelines and procedures to be used in directing resumption and recovery processes.
4. To meet the needs of SCHC patients, workforce members, and other stakeholders and communities reliant on the organization's ability to provide services during and following a disaster situation.
5. To protect the public image and credibility of Shasta Community Health Center.

**Applicability**

The DRP has been developed to support the organization's Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Plan, providing further specificity to address ITS needs. The DRP applies to all hardware, software, workstations, applications, systems and networks (LAN, WAN, Internet, Intranet), and other components of the organization's information systems. The DRP is limited to the recovery of IT services only. The DRP does not address disaster prevention or long-term restoration of information systems. The DRP does not address the recovery of business processes that may be lost in the various departmental or business unit operations. Downtime/recovery processes are the responsibility of each department unless specifically covered in the DRP. Refer to department plans for appropriate downtime/recovery procedures (See SCHC Downtime Plan).

**Key Definitions**

SCHC Continuity Planning: The process that facilitates arrangements and procedures that enable SCHC to respond to an event in such a manner that critical SCHC functions continue with planned levels of interruption or essential change can be found in the Security Compliance Plan: Contingency Plan. [Found on shared: ITS/Contingency Plan.]

Disaster (Information System): An event that significantly renders the continuation of normal information system functions impossible; an event which would render the information system unusable or inaccessible for a prolonged period of time (may be departmental or organization-wide).

Disaster Recovery Coordinator (DRC): Individual assigned the authority and responsibility for the implementation and coordination of the IT disaster recovery operations.

Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP): The document that defines the resources, actions, tasks, and data required to manage the business recovery process in the event of a business interruption. The plan is designed to assist in restoring the business process within the stated disaster

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recovery goals.

Recovery Time Objective (RTO): Amount of down time before outage threatens survival of the organization/mission critical processes.

Security Incident: A violation or imminent threat of violation of information security policies, acceptable use policies, or standard security practices, or an adverse event whereby some aspect of computer security could be threatened. An ITS Disaster would be considered a security incident.

**Information Systems Disaster and Security Incident Response**

Shasta Community Health Center recognizes an information systems disaster as a security incident and shall utilize established security incident response processes in addressing disaster response and recovery. The organization's Security Incident Response/Reporting (Reference Security Incident Response/Reporting: Security Compliance Plan) and Data Backup (Reference Information Technology Policies and Procedures for Backup of Data) policies provide a framework for this IT Disaster Recovery Plan. Additionally, other organizational information security policies and procedures support IT disaster recovery processes and may be utilized in conjunction with this plan.

A key security incident resource currently being used by SCHC is developing consistency with the *National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-61, Computer Security Incident Handling Guide*. This document provides guidance that SCHC can benefit from to mitigate loss and aid the organization in appropriate response to information security incidents and reflects best practices in information security.

The document is available at the following link and may be considered as supporting documentation to this plan:

<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-61/sp800-61.pdf>

Another useful NIST document is *Special Publication 800-34, Contingency Planning for Information Technology Systems* available at the following link:

<http://www.csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-34/sp800-34.pdf>

**Authority**

The Disaster Recovery Coordinator (DRC), in conjunction with the SCHC's administrative leadership, shall have the responsibility and authority to take whatever steps necessary to identify, respond, contain, and eradicate the impact of an ITS disaster.

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The organization's senior administrative leadership will provide oversight in the development and management of the ITS Disaster Recovery Plan. A senior administrative leader shall also be assigned to provide support and assistance during IS disaster recovery processes. This individual shall also research the organization's disaster insurance coverage and determine available financial resources.

**Organization & Notification****Activation and Administration of the Disaster Recovery Plan**

Upon notification of a suspected or confirmed information security incident/disaster, the ITS leadership (e.g., management/technical analyst) shall verify, assess, and record the scope of the incident/disaster and determine the appropriate response:

- Application, system, and/or network out of operation.
- Impact localized, departmental, organizational, and/or enterprise-wide.
- Impact on mission critical operations and services.

If the ITS leadership feels that the incident meets the criteria of a "disaster," the ITS leader shall:

1. Activate of the Disaster Recovery Team (Security Incident Response Team-SIRT): xxxx
2. Identify an Individual to Act as the DRC (ITS leader/technical analyst preferred). In the absence of an ITS leader, the organization's administrative leadership shall act as the DRC and facilitate the implementation of this plan and assign the tasks involved in IS disaster plan recovery. Once an ITS Disaster has been declared and the ITS Disaster Plan activated, the DRC shall communicate such to senior administrative leaders and implement the ITS recovery steps outlined in this plan. The DRC shall determine the need to notify external resources (See Communication & Organization) including business partners and vendors to assist with ITS disaster recovery activities. These protocols are outlined in this Plan.

**Disaster Recovery Coordinator (DRC)**

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<b>Disaster Recovery Coordinator (DRC)</b> <b>Position Description/Job Action Sheet</b>	
<b>Position Assigned To:</b>	ITS Leader or Designee
<b>Position Reports To:</b>	CEO or Designee
<b>Authority Level:</b>	Highest
<b>Mission/Responsibility:</b>	To implement, organize and direct information systems disaster recovery operations.
<b>Disaster Recovery Coordinator (DRC)</b> <b>Position Description/Job Action Sheet</b>	
<b>Criticality Level</b>	<b>Job Actions</b>
<b>Immediate (0-6 Hours)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review DRC Job Action Sheet and IS Disaster Recovery Plan</li> <li>• Identify Disaster Recovery Command Center/Assembly Site</li> <li>• Notify Disaster Recovery Team Members</li> <li>• Assemble Team at Command Center</li> <li>• Assemble Resources (See Checklist)</li> <li>• Provide Team Briefing/Document Information Provided at Briefing</li> <li>• Review Tasks to Be Performed and Assign Personnel</li> <li>• Notify Other Key Leaders/Workforce Members as Necessary</li> <li>• Notify Vendors/Stakeholders/Law Enforcement Agencies or other Emergency Government Agencies as Necessary</li> <li>• Determine Need for Additional Support Teams and Assign Team Leader/Members</li> <li>• Provide Teams with Status Report Forms</li> <li>• Request Team Facilitators to Track Resource Utilization on Status Report Form</li> <li>• Communicate Key ITS Disaster Recovery Information/Contacts/Locations Internally</li> <li>• Contact External Vendors and Other Business Stakeholders</li> <li>• Determine Need for Media Communication</li> <li>• Designate Media Contact; Instruct All Others Not to Make Statements to Media</li> <li>• Prepare Media Statement proactively if felt necessary</li> </ul>
<b>Intermediate (6-12 Hours)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess continued staffing needs/staff relief</li> </ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damage assessment</li> <li>• Assess recovery priorities</li> <li>• Communicate ITS Disaster Recovery Status with Administration</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess resource needs for Chief Operations Officer</li> <li>• Approve expenses related to recovery processes</li> </ul>
<b>Extended (&gt;12 Hours)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess continued staffing needs/staff relief</li> </ul>
<b>Follow-Up (Following Disaster)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate “post mortem” evaluation of IS disaster and recovery processes</li> <li>• Revise IS Disaster Recovery Plan and Processes as Necessary</li> <li>• Train and educate staff on ITS DRP revisions</li> </ul>

**ITS Disaster Recovery Team Emergency Contact Information**

Members of the ITS Disaster Recovery Team shall be contacted immediately once the ITS DRP has been activated. The following information should be provided at the time of contact:

- A brief description of the problem
- Location of the ITS Disaster Recovery Command Center
- Phone number of the ITS Disaster Recovery Command Center **xxx**
- Identification of immediate support required (Services, Equipment, Etc.)
- Information Regarding How the Facility Can be Entered (Need for Badge/Identification)
- Contact information is available as noted below.

<b>Name of Individual</b>	<b>Contact information (phone number or pager number)</b>
<b>xxxx</b>	<b>xxx</b>

**Damage Assessment**

Damage assessment shall be carried out to determine disaster recovery requirements. A preliminary damage assessment shall address:

- Cause of the emergency or disruption.
- Potential for additional disruptions or damage.
- Areas affected by the disruption.
- Status of physical infrastructure (where computer equipment is located).
- Inventory and functional status of computer equipment.
- Type of damage (e.g., water, fire, electrical surge, etc.).
- Items to be replaced (e.g., hardware, software, other).
- Estimated time to restore to normal operations.

**Assessing Resource Needs for Critical Disaster Recovery Operations**

Once the DRP is activated, the DRC will determine what resources are required to support critical functions. This analysis should take into consideration the following resources and potential questions:

Human Resources: Are the critical skills and knowledge possessed by the appropriate people



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listed on the call roster? Can Recovery Operations staff be deployed easily get to an alternative site?

Processing Capability: Are the servers, workstations, or other hardware harmed? What happens if some of the equipment is inoperable, but not all?

Automated Applications and Data: Has data integrity been affected? To what extent? Has an application been sabotaged? Can an application run on a different processing platform?

Computer-Based Services: Can the computers communicate? To where? Can people communicate? Are information services down? Find out as soon as possible how long services will be down.

Infrastructure: Do people have a place to work? Do they have the equipment to do their jobs? Can they occupy the department/building? Documents/Paper: Can the needed records be found via another method? (See Downtime Plan re: Master Patient Index log with appointment and patient information.)

**ITS Disaster Recovery Command Center**

The Command Center will function as the centralized location for ITS disaster recovery processes. The DRC will make the determination as to the location of the Command Center. The location will be determined by the disaster type and available resources. The Command Center location must be able to accommodate the necessary critical resources and equipment required for disaster recovery (see Recovery Resources Supply Checklist):

- Hardware, Software, Other Equipment
- Electrical Support
- Telecommunications Support
- Desks, Chairs, Tables, Lights

<b>Primary Location</b>			
<b>Primary Location</b>	Main Site, Redding	<b>Meeting Site:</b>	IT Department
<b>Address:</b>	xxx	<b>Fax Number:</b>	xx
<b>Phone Number:</b>	xxxx	<b>Phone Number:</b>	xx
<b>Contact Person:</b>	xx	<b>Phone Number:</b>	xx
<b>Alternate Contact:</b>	xx	<b>Phone Number:</b>	xx
<b>Security Considerations:</b>			

**Title: Disaster Recovery Plan****Recovery Resources Supply Checklist**

<b>Recovery Resources Supply Checklist</b>	
<b>Workspace</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desk, Chairs, Tables, Lights</li> <li>• Electrical Support</li> <li>• Telecommunications Support</li> </ul>	<b>Documentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hardware Inventory Lists and Serial Numbers</li> <li>• Software Inventory Lists and License Numbers</li> <li>• Network Schematic Diagrams</li> <li>• Equipment Room Floor Grid Diagrams</li> <li>• Contract and Maintenance Agreements</li> </ul>
<b>Hardware</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PC's/Laptops</li> <li>• Printers</li> <li>• Scanners</li> </ul>	<b>Forms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance Forms</li> <li>• Message Pads</li> </ul>
<b>Software</b> <b>Back-Up Copies of Data Files</b>	<b>Other Supplies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office Supplies (pens, paper, folders, paper clips, scissors, staplers, tape, etc.)</li> <li>• Office Equipment (shredder, copiers, etc.)</li> <li>• Camera/Video Recorder</li> <li>• Film/Blank Recording Media</li> <li>• Duct Tape</li> <li>• Backup Media</li> <li>• Flashlights and Spare Batteries</li> <li>• Telephone Log</li> <li>• Area Maps</li> </ul>
<b>Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telephones</li> <li>• Cellular Phones With Chargers</li> <li>• Fax and Backup Fax</li> <li>• Dedicated Telephone Line(s)</li> <li>• Radios (Walkie-Talkie) As Required</li> <li>• Organizational Contact</li> <li>• Information/Directories</li> <li>• Telephone Directories</li> <li>• Telephone Log</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b>	

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
Disaster Recovery Coordinator	Director of ITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITS Leader</li> <li>• Security Officer</li> <li>• CIO</li> </ul>	See Disaster Recovery Coordinator Position Description/Job Action Sheet
Operations Recovery Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITS Leader or Technical Support Person</li> </ul>	Implement ITS disaster recovery processes; facilitate recovery of ITS operations as directed by DRC.
Network Recovery Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local or Enterprise Network Administrator</li> </ul>	Implement ITS disaster recovery processes; facilitate recovery of organization/enterprise network as directed by DRC.
Clinical Applications Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITS Clinical Applications Coordinator</li> <li>• Nursing Leader</li> </ul>	Implement ITS disaster recovery processes as necessary in the absence of ITS applications and systems. See Downtime Plan.
Business Applications Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Database Administrator</li> <li>• Business Leader</li> </ul>	Implement ITS disaster recovery processes as necessary in the absence of ITS applications and systems.
Communications Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEO</li> <li>• CIO</li> <li>• As designated</li> <li>• COO</li> </ul>	Support DRC/activities. Investigate insurance coverage and resources. Facilitate securing critical resources. Investigate legal issues.
Administrative Assistant		Provide necessary administrative and clerical support to DRC and support teams.

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The DRC will determine the need to complete status reports. The Disaster Recovery Team and all other disaster recovery support team leaders will be responsible for completing the “ITS Disaster Recovery Status Report Form” when requested by the Coordinator. The Coordinator will compile information from the status report(s) to use in communicating to senior administrative leadership, corporate resources, and other external contacts and stakeholders (a blank template of this form is available as an attachment to this plan).

**Administration**

The administrative leader assigned to the disaster recovery process shall act as a liaison between the DRC/Team and administration. The leader will be responsible for communicating disaster recovery activities on an as needed basis.

**Organizational/System Level**

The DRC will determine the need for notification of SCHC leadership and/or Information Systems staff members. The CIO shall be notified of any disaster/security incident that:

- A. Results in adverse patient care outcomes or significantly impacts operational functions;
- B. Requires additional ITS resources and support beyond the scope of SCHC ITS staff;
- C. Impacts more than one SCHC organization or satellites;
- D. Requires involvement with local, state or federal law enforcement agencies; and
- E. Results in adverse publicity and require media relations skills. The DRC may also request assistance from other SCHC partner organizations for ITS support.
- F. The Coordinator may contact the organizations directly or request assistance from SCHC business partner ITS Departments in coordinating supporting services and resources from the other organizations.

**Recovery Priorities**

Criticality levels are assigned to applications systems based upon the relative importance of the applications and systems to the organization’s mission and operations. During the disaster recovery process, resources will be allocated based on established criticality levels, unless otherwise determined by the DRC and/or administrative leadership. The organization must in advance review all applications, systems, networks, and critical interfaces and assign them to one of the following priority levels:

**Critical/Priority 1**

Applications and systems designated “Critical” are mission-critical, impact patient care or other key operations, and require immediate data recovery resources to ensure prompt restoration, recovery, and operability. Failure of these applications and systems to function for even a short period of time could have a severe impact on the organization’s ability to carry out its mission and operations.

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Recovery Time Objective (RTO): 0-8 Hours.

**Essential/Priority 2**

Applications and systems designated as “Essential” and may impact patient care, information services, finance, labor and attendance, and physical security. Failure of these applications and systems is allowable for a short period of time. RTO: 9-24 Hours.

**Necessary/Priority 3**

Applications and systems designated “Necessary” and may tolerate a short period of loss of availability. RTO: 25-72 Hours.

**Desirable/Priority 4 (Low)**

Applications and systems designated “Desirable” are a lower priority and may tolerate a significant loss of availability. Recovery will be initiated when normal IS operations are reestablished.

RTO: > 72 Hours. Pending resolution of higher priorities; allocation of resources may be questioned.

**INFORMATION SYSTEM CRITICALITY ASSESSMENT**

Local Applications/ System/Network Interface	Critical Priority 1 RTO: 0-8 Hours	Essential Priority 2 RTO: 9-24 Hours	Necessary Priority 3 RTO: 25-72 Hours
External		E-Mail	
Communications - Internal	Telecom IP Phone		
Decision Support/ Reporting Systems		Reporting System	
Financial	Accounting System		
Health Information	EHR		
Human Resources		EZ Labor	Halogen
Patient Care	Order Entry Transcription/Dictation EHR/portal		
Revenue	Accounting System		

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<b>Enterprise Application Systems</b>	<b>Critical Priority 1 RTO: 0-8 Hours</b>	<b>Essential Priority 2 RTO: 9-24 Hours</b>	<b>Necessary Priority 3 RTO: 25-72 Hours</b>
Payroll Processor	Payroll		
Doc Editor			Editor
Photo Editor			Editor
Patient Ed		Patient Education	
Report Module	Reporting		
Remote Access	Gives Access to Computers for ITS		
Inventory Management	PO Generator for Ordering		
VPN	Transcription transfer		
Drug Lookup System	Drug lookup		
Payroll Processor	Payroll		
Finance System	Finance		
Sig Pad System	Signature Pads		
PACS	XRays		
Accounting System	Finance		
Phone System	Telephone System		
EHR	Electronic Health Record		
EHR Communications Services	Electronic Prescribing and Patient Portal Traffic		
EHR Faxing Integrations Services	Fax Prescriptions		
Security Cameras	Facility Security		
Office Software		Office Operations	
Content Management		Website Creation	
Policy Database	Policies		
Radiology Database	XRays		
SQL Prompting			Scripting Support
Lab System	Lab Request		
EHR to Lab	Lab Interface		
Imaging System	Image Ordering		
Lab System	Lab Interface		

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Order Management	Women's Health Pap Ordering		
Dental	CPS Operation		
EIS Database		EIS Population Management	
General Database	DataBase		
Technology Support		ITS for Tracking	
Clinical Search	Clinical Reference		
Comm System	Employee Communication		
Antivirus	Equipment Antivirus		
Schedule System	Clinic Scheduling		
PC Operating System	Operating Systems		

**Recovery Processes and Procedures**

1. Upon assessment of damage and activation of disaster recovery processes, the ITS leadership/SIRT will determine the appropriate data recovery strategy.
2. The data recovery processes shall reflect the organization's information system priorities. Data recovery activities shall take place in a pre-planned sequential fashion so that system components can be restored in a logical manner and should take into consideration:
  - A. Personnel: The ITS leadership and workforce members, as well as the SIRT members, involved in data recovery processes will be the most valuable resource. These individuals may be asked to work at great personal sacrifice and resources shall be provided to meet their personal and professional needs.
  - B. Communication: Notification of internal and external business partners associated with the organization's information systems.
  - C. Salvage of Existing ITS Equipment and Systems: Initial data recovery efforts shall be targeted at protecting and preserving the current media, equipment, applications and systems. A priority shall be to identify and obtain storage media. The IS equipment shall be further protected from the elements or removed to a safe location, away from the disaster site if necessary.
  - D. Designate Recovery Site: It will be necessary to determine if the data recovery efforts can be carried out at the original primary site or moved to another location (see Command Recovery Center Alternative Site section). The choice of using an internal or a remote site will be dependent on the damage and estimated recovery of the computing and networking capabilities.
  - E. Backup/New Equipment: The recovery process will rely heavily on the ability of the organization's vendors to quickly provide replacements for the resources which cannot be salvaged. Emergency procurement processes will be implemented to allow the ITS leadership to quickly replace equipment, supplies, software and any others items required for data recovery.



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- F. Reassembly Process: Salvaged and new data recovery equipment and components shall be reassembled at the recovery site to begin data recovery processes.
  - G. Restoration of Data from Backups: Data recovery will rely on the availability of the backup data from the storage site. Initial data recovery efforts will focus on restoring the operating systems by pre-determined priority (See Amendment A).
  - H. Restoration of Applications Data: ITS leadership will work with the individual departments/application owners to restore each running application. As a period of time may have elapsed between the time that the backups were made and the time of the disaster requiring data recovery, the application owners must address mechanisms to capture and restore the lost interim data.
  - I. Move Back to Restored Permanent/Primary Site: If the data recovery process has taken place at an alternative site, the equipment and systems that have been assembled at the alternative site will need to be returned to the original site when available.
2. Upon termination of recovery activities and once normal ITS operations are back in place, than reconstitution efforts should begin. If the original site is unrecoverable (e.g., burned in fire), then the reconstitution activities may be applied to preparing a new site to support information system requirements. Reconstitution activities should address:
- A. Ensuring adequate infrastructure support, such as electric power, water, telecommunications, security, environmental control, office equipment, and supplies.
  - B. Installing system hardware and software.
  - C. Establishing connectivity and interfaces with network components and external systems.
  - D. Testing system operations to ensure full functionality.
  - E. Backing up operational data on the contingency system and uploading to restored system.
  - F. Shutting down the contingency system.
  - G. Terminating contingency operations.
  - H. Removing and/or locating all sensitive materials at the contingency site.
  - I. Arranging for recovery staff to return to the original/new facility.

**Data Backup Procedures**

Data backup processes shall be established through existing policy and procedures. The ITS Department is responsible for overseeing organizational data backup and recovery processes for those applications, systems, and networks under its control. Users of unique departmental and/or individual applications, systems, and networks will be responsible for data backup and recovery unless arrangements have been made in advance with the ITS Department (See Data Backup for Information Technology Systems Policy).

**Electronic Health Record (EHR)**

The availability of patient electronic health records (EHR) is mission critical to ensure for safe and effective communication of patient information between healthcare providers. Established

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procedures shall ensure that EHR is routinely backed up and the information recoverable. In the event of downtime disruption and inability to access the EHR, the organization shall:

Communications:

1. Identify operations or services that will be impacted and make necessary notification of the unavailability of the EHR.

Access to Historical Patient Health Information:

2. Implement existing backup systems to access historical patient health information (e.g., flash drives available with a full listing of MPI directory, which includes Patient name, demographics, medication list, chronic problem list, last date seen, primary care provider, (please contact ITS for complete list of fields).
3. Identify and make available resources for retrieval, delivery, return, etc. (See SCHC Downtime Plan: Shared drive: Downtime Plan.)

Creation of New Patient Health Information:

4. Make available to healthcare providers temporary paper documentation tools including, but not limited to:
  - A. MPI thumb drive (if able to access by laptop).
  - B. Key patient care documentation forms:
    - a. See Downtime Plan for procedure and patient care forms. (Shared drive: Downtime Plan.)

**Workforce Member Education and Training**

Members of the organization's workforce shall be provided periodic education and training in emergency preparedness and disaster recovery upon hire and as needed to reflect any significant changes to the organization's emergency preparedness/disaster recovery practices, including information system disaster events and security incidents. Workforce members with specific responsibilities for ITS disaster recovery shall receive the necessary education and training required to ensure that they can carry out their assigned duties in the event of an ITS disaster event.

**Review and Testing of Disaster Recovery Plan**

The DRP should be reviewed on an annual basis or as often as necessary to ensure that the information contained in the plan is up-to-date and reflects current workforce information (titles, names, and contact information), applications/systems, vendors, and other external contacts

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information. Additionally, after each disaster incident, whether a planned drill or actual disaster, the plan should be reviewed and revised to address practical application issues.

**Resources Used to Develop the IS Disaster Recovery Plan Template**

“Creating an Actionable Disaster Recovery Plan,” *Stone Bridge Group, HIMSS*, April 2003

“Electronic Restoration: Critical Considerations,” Retrieved from: Disaster-Resource.com

“An Introduction to Computer Security: *The NIST Handbook*, Special Publication 800-12

“Disaster Recovery Plan,” St. Joseph’s Hospital, 1991

“Business Resumption Plan,” *Disaster Recovery Journal* Website

“Disaster Recovery White Paper,” *WEDI*, April 2005

“CMS Information Systems Security/Risk Assessment” Documents, 2004

“Contingency Planning Guide for Information Technology Systems,” *NIST, 800-34*, June 2002

**Applicable Standards/Regulations:**

45 CFR §164.308(a)(7) – HIPAA Security Rule Contingency Plan

**(A) Data Recovery Plan Template and Development Checklist**

Use this template as a guide when performing a data disaster recovery plan assessment.

	Assessment Item	Recommended Action
	<b>Existing data center disaster recovery plans</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review plans if available	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Analyze against standards, e.g., NIST SP 800-34, BS 25777, ISO 24762	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Validate based on results of assessment	
	<b>Review previous incidents</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	What occurred?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	What was the impact to the organization?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	How did the organization respond?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	What were the results of the response?	
	<b>Threats</b>	
	<b>Building construction</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Type of construction	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of construction	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural integrity	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Floor loading per square foot	

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	Assessment Item	Recommended Action
	<b>Building location</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proximity to major highways, streets	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proximity to rail lines	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proximity to aircraft flight paths	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location with regard to bodies of water, e.g., rivers, lakes, oceans	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic control devices	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proximity to other buildings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proximity to earthquake zone	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weather patterns	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CCTV cameras around the site	
	<b>Parking facilities</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking layout	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of entrances	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security available to inspect vehicles	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CCTV cameras in place at entrances, exits and on each floor	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of exits	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sufficient capacity for vehicles	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction of ramps, parking space	
	<b>Building access</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of building entrances	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security provisions at entrances	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access methods, e.g., cards, guards	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shatterproof glass on street-level windows	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bollards in street to prevent vehicles from crashing into building	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CCTV cameras	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring of exterior cameras	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Length of video recording for CCTVs	
	<b>Building exits</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Number and location	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Method of leaving building	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to exists from stairwells	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CCTV cameras at exits	

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	Assessment Item	Recommended Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exits clearly marked and exit routes identified on each floor and hallway	
	<b>Stairways</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Number and location of stairways	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Method of entry into stairwells	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Method of re-entry into floors	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CCTV cameras in stairwells	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency lighting in stairwells	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signage in stairwells	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PA speakers in stairwells	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire protection equipment	
	<b>HVAC facilities</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location of HVAC equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Power supplies for HVAC	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Backup HVAC systems	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring of HVAC systems	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring of air quality	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental controls on floors	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire protection equipment	
	<b>Utilities disruptions</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access into building for utilities: How many, where located	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secure room for utilities entry into building	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire protection equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shut-off switches	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signage at appropriate locations	
	<b>Electric utilities</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location of entry facilities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location of breakers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cable routing and protection	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Power distribution to floors	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Firestop material at floor/wall/ceiling penetrations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lightning protection	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grounding and bonding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire protection equipment	

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	Assessment Item	Recommended Action
	<b>Water and sewer</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entry points into building	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location of mains	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Placement of water towers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Routing of water lines, sewer lines	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leakage notification	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire protection equipment	
	<b>Gas</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entry points into building	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location of mains	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Routing of gas lines	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gas leak notification	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire protection equipment	
	<b>Telecommunications</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entry points into building	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location of mains	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Routing of fiber, copper cables	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grounding and bonding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire protection equipment	
	<b>Windows</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows fixed or can be opened	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glazing to minimize ultraviolet radiation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Special covering to minimize wind or blast damage	
	<b>Doors</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exterior doors solid and locked	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass doors with shatterproof glass	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interior doors fire-rated	
	<b>Interior walls</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Floor-to-ceiling walls fire-rated	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Movable partitions fire-rated	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dropped ceilings use fire-rated tiles	
	<b>Fire</b>	

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	Assessment Item	Recommended Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notification of fires to fire department or central reporting station	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building-wide fire detection system	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Floor-by-floor monitors	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke detection equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ionization detection equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire extinguishment system, e.g., dry pipe or water sprinklers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Placement of fire extinguishers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signage indicating fire extinguishers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular fire drills	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building evacuation signage on each floor and in offices	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire safety plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evacuation plan	
	<b>Loss of power</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency power generator(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency power outlets identified	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secure location for emergency generator	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Protected fuel tank with gauge	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Primary and alternate fuel suppliers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly power system tests	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarterly full-load system tests	
	<b>Loss of lighting</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency lighting in all floors	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency lighting in stairwells	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency lighting by exits	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular tests of emergency lighting	
	<b>Loss of elevators</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elevator safety inspections	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Power supply to elevators	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency access to elevators	
<input type="checkbox"/>	All elevators return to ground floor in an emergency	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency egress from elevators if stuck between floors	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency phone in all elevators; test regularly to ensure it works	

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	Assessment Item	Recommended Action

Use this checklist as a guide when structuring data center disaster plans:

	Plan Element	Recommended Action
	<b>Table of Contents</b>	
	<b>Emergency response procedures</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Event occurs	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initial report of event	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact first response staff	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initial assessment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Damage assessment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and assemble disaster teams	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch call trees and/or other notification procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activate emergency phone number(s)	
	<b>Launch emergency procedures</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Data protection	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Data quality assurance	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Data security	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Data backup	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Power management	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HVAC management	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Utility management	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initiate application-level backup procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initiate hardware-level backup procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initiate network backup procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initiate security procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initiate other backup procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact third-party organizations	
	<b>Decision to declare disaster</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Can situation be handled without staff leaving building?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	If situation is deemed serious, issue evacuation orders immediately	



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	<b>Plan Element</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency teams assess situation, make recommendation to senior management	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff arrives at designated emergency assembly areas	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disaster declared	
	<b>Backup and recovery procedures</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue application-level backup procedures; launch recovery procedures as needed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue hardware-level backup procedures; launch recovery procedures as needed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue network backup procedures; launch recovery procedures as needed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue security procedures; launch recovery procedures as needed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue other backup procedures; launch recovery procedures as needed	
	<b>Alternate site recovery procedures</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initial teams arrive at alternate data center or contracted facility	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch application-level recovery procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch hardware-level recovery procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch network recovery procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch security recovery procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch other recovery procedures as needed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assigned recovery staff arrive at alternate site to expand recovery	
	<b>Primary site situation addressed</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Site repaired and ready to accept data center operations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch application-level recovery procedures upon return	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch hardware-level recovery procedures upon return	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch network recovery procedures upon return	

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	<b>Plan Element</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch security recovery procedures upon return	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Launch other recovery procedures as needed upon return	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Data center staff return to site to complete recovery and resume normal operations	
	<b>Post-recovery activities</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Validate all systems are functioning normally	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Validate all network assets are functioning normally	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Validate all data center infrastructure assets are functioning normally	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Validate all utilities are providing normal service	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conduct review of event, how the organization responded, identify lessons learned, and summarize in report to management	

**Telecommunications****General Recovery Pre-Planning**

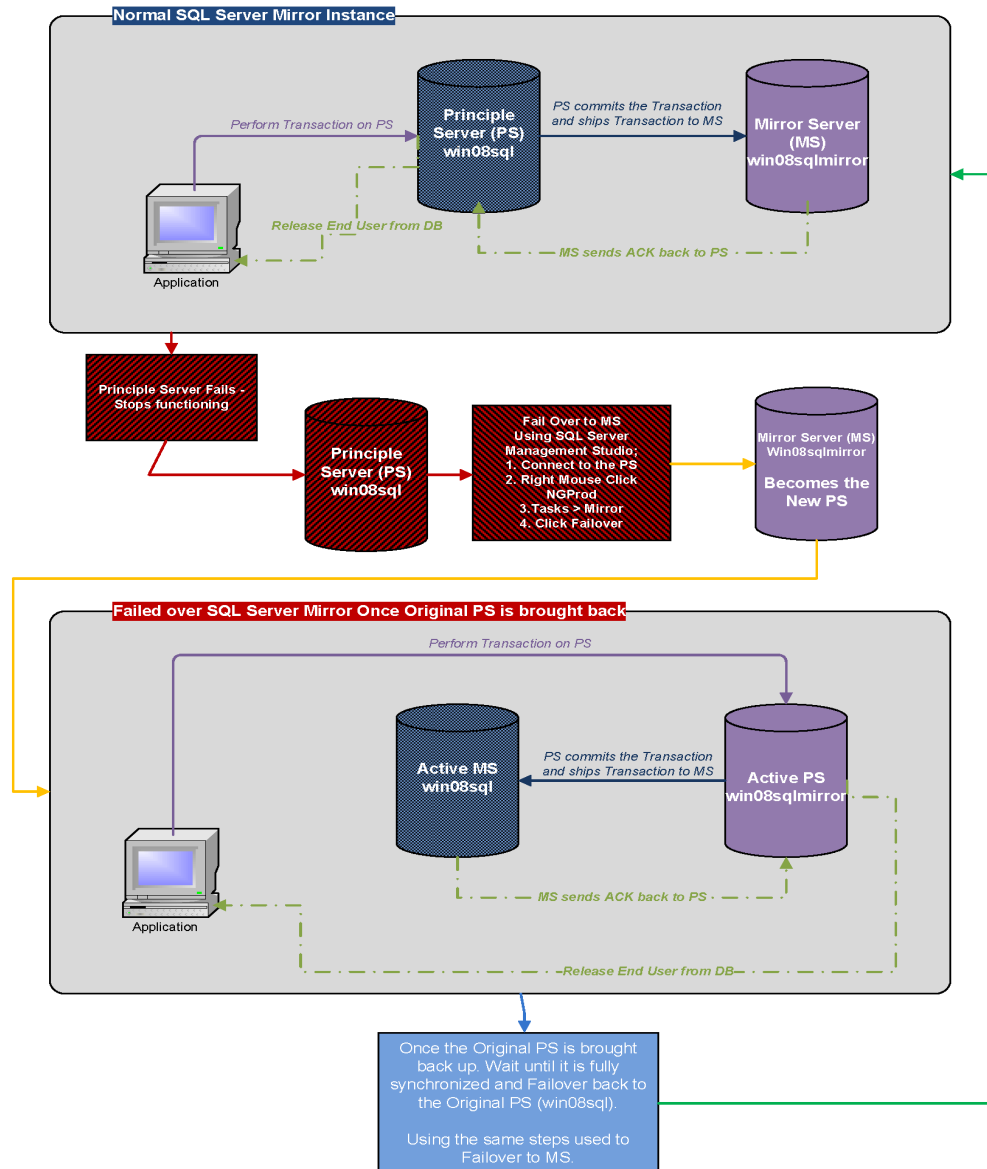
1. Critical Telecom Assets
  - a. Shasta Lake City: 2901/K9, SN:FTX15288AS, Software Version: 15.2(1)T
  - b. Happy Valley: 2901/K9, SN:FTX1032W0VT, Software Version: 15.2(1)T
  - c. Dental Redding: 2901/K9, SN:FTX15288AJ, Software Version: 15.2(1)T
  - d. Anderson: 2901/K9, SN:FTX15288AM, Software Version: 15.2(1)T
  - e. 980 Placer: 2901/K9, SN:FTX15288AP, Software Version: 15.2(1)T
  - f. 1035 Placer St: 2901/K9, SN:FTX1437A0GK, Software Version: 15.2(1)T, Call Manager 8.5, Connection 8.5, Contact Center Express 8.5.
2. Spare parts for Telecom are under a Contract with the vendor which provides replacement coverage for failed part within a maximum of four hours.
3. Each Telephone Switch and devices assigned to it. See Appendix C.
4. Optional Telephone Services
  - a. Primary Contacts - IT Manager, IT Project Manager.
  - b. Each Satellite has two POTS lines for alternative communications installed.

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- c. Contingency for Connectivity Loss - Loss of switch should be limited to a maximum of four hours. In the interim our phone system is configured with xxxx
- d. Four hours for any loss of a switch. For loss of communication line(s) or trunks we are subject to the timeline of the underlying carrier of services through xxx.

**Establishing the Parameters of Timeline and Analysis of Data Loss**

1. Time of outage
  - a. Make note of time of outage (if this is what occurs) recording it in outage spreadsheet on S:drive or note for later input.
2. Time of loss of connectivity
  - a. Time that the EHR becomes inaccessible (either by shutting down, Backup Batteries going dead or equipment failure) recording it in outage spreadsheet on S:drive or note for later input and ALL whiteboards in the IT Support Shop Area. Email the info to the DRC team.
3. Time of last t-log filing
  - a. The last NGProd T log file in *Proprietary* in this format "NGProd\_(Date)numbering.trn" the last file with date and time is the last T log. recording it in outage spreadsheet on S:drive or note for later input.

**Title: Disaster Recovery Plan****SCHC Production Database Real-Time Mirroring Schematic**

**Coupled with our remote offsite backup solution, mirroring the production database is our best defense against data loss. Should it become necessary to recover items from any gap from connectivity loss to recovery status, the following procedures shall be followed:**

**Title: Disaster Recovery Plan****NextGen Document Recovery Procedure***(Fill in recovery process of EHR system - proprietary)***PRESCRIPTION RECOVERY PLAN:****A. Recovery Calls**

1. Contact all local pharmacies, listed on Appendix A, to request a list of all prescriptions generated from Shasta Community Health Center on the date of the system outage.
2. Have pharmacies fax to a central fax number. IT was where I had them faxed.

**B. FAX Recovery**

1. Access : *proprietary*
2. In the Sent folder, order the faxed prescriptions by detail to get the date/timestamp information. If it is more than 6 days after the date of the failure, access the Archive folder for the date of the failure.
3. Pick the actual date of the system failure and reconcile with the same process in section C.

**C. Medication Reconciliation Process**

1. Look up each patient in the EHR that is on the prescription lists.
2. Access the med module and determine if the prescription documentation needs to be added.
3. Add the med to the med list checking to be sure these data elements are completed:
  - a. Medication Name
  - b. Dose
  - c. Sig.
  - d. Quantity
  - e. Refills
  - f. Actual Start Date (date of the system failure)
  - g. Provider Name and Location
  - h. Do not fax the prescription.
4. Add a med module note stating “recreated from back up recovery records due to system failure”
5. Click Accept and move to the next medication.

All manual data recovery procedures are dependent on timely data extractions from a primary source (Production Environment) to other locales. The following table outlines the various jobs and the intervals associated with each.

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Job Activity	Occurrence	Frequency	Start	End	AVG Duration
Tracking System EHR Update	Daily	60 Min	6:45	23:59	0:08min
Tracking System AutoUpdate	Daily	30 Min	0:15	23:45	3:45min
Tracking System InHouse Lab	Daily	30 Min	0:15	23:45	0:05min
SQL – T-Log	Daily	30 Min	0:15	23:45	0:02min
Mirrored Duplicate (Real-Time)	Daily	Real-Time	--:--	--:--	--:--

## Appendix A.

<b>PHARMACY CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>
Costco	XX	XX
CVS - Placer	XX	XX
CVS - Cypress	XX	XX
Frank's	XX	XX
Lim's	XX	XX
Owen's	XX	XX
Raley's - Lake	XX	XX
Rite Aid - Cypress	XX	XX
Safeway	XX	XX
Target	XX	XX
Wal-Mart - Dana Drive	XX	XXX
Wal-Mart - Anderson	XX	XX
Walgreens	XXX	XX

## Appendix B.

**Scripts for i2i Data Pull**

Proprietary – put in local organizational scripts

## Appendix C.

Telephone Switch ID's and Attached Devices

**Title: Disaster Recovery Plan****Main Facility****Fill in proprietary - local info**

Appendix C.

Telephone Switch ID's and Attached Devices

**Main Facility****MAC ADDRESS**Fill in local information      **DESCRIPTION****Anderson Switch ID's and Attached Devices****Fill in proprietary - local info****Device Name(Line)****Description****IP Address****Anderson Switch ID's and Attached Devices**Device Name(Line)      **Description****Fill in proprietary - local info**