White Paper:

How ASPR Can Leverage the Denysys Incident Management System (IMS) to Achieve Its Strategic Goals

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Introduction

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has a critical mission: to save lives and protect Americans from 21st-century health security threats. To achieve this mission effectively, ASPR needs modern, efficient tools to coordinate responses to public health emergencies, manage resources, and ensure compliance with federal standards. The Denysys Incident Management System (IMS), built on the Appian platform, provides the advanced capabilities necessary for ASPR to meet its goals through better preparedness, response coordination, and data management.

This white paper outlines how the Denysys IMS can complement and enhance ASPR's existing tools and technical assistance resources, enabling the agency to meet its strategic goals, including addressing equity gaps in emergency management.

Capabilities Overview

Denysys IMS is a comprehensive incident management platform tailored to support the needs of HHS agencies, including ASPR. Key features include:

Real-Time Dashboard

Provides visibility into active incidents, their statuses, and response actions, enabling ASPR to make informed, real-time decisions.

Automated Alerts

Customizable notification systems improve the speed and coordination of responses during public health emergencies.

Advanced Communication Capabilities

The system allows for group text messaging, group voicemail, email, GPS tracking, and push notifications to streamline communications among stakeholders. It also features a public portal to keep the broader community informed.

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Interoperability
With rich API integration, the system seamlessly connects with other ASPR tools, ensuring no interruption in workflows and enhancing efficiency.

Data-Driven Insights
The use of AI/ML analytics provides actionable insights, enabling ASPR to make proactive, informed decisions during and after incidents.

Mobile-First Design
Allows field personnel to access and update incident data through secure mobile interfaces, ensuring continuous engagement and on-the-ground reporting.

By combining these features, the Denysys IMS enables ASPR to streamline its incident response workflows, reduce manual efforts, and improve the overall efficiency of its operations.

Integration with ASPR Tools

One of the most significant strengths of the Denysys IMS is its interoperability within a large enterprise environment. This system can easily integrate with the tools and resources that ASPR already provides to its partners and employees. For example, ASPR's current technical assistance tools, such as the Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE), can be enhanced with the IMS's capabilities, providing richer incident insights and streamlining resource allocation.

Robotic Process Automation (RPA)

Allows ASPR to automate repetitive tasks like data entry and reporting, freeing up human resources for critical decision-making.

Open API Integration

Ensures that the IMS can communicate effortlessly with ASPR's other systems, such as geospatial information systems (GIS) or resource management platforms, providing a holistic view of operations.

Key Use Cases

The Denysys IMS is a versatile platform that can be rapidly configured to address a wide range of incident types ASPR encounters. Some of the most relevant use cases include:

Emergency Response Coordination

During public health emergencies, the system facilitates real-time communication and resource allocation between ASPR, healthcare partners, and first responders. Automated alerts and real-time dashboards ensure that decision-makers have the latest information.

Public Health Resource Management

The IMS can help ASPR track and allocate critical resources, such as medical supplies, personnel, and facilities. It also allows for dynamic reallocation of resources as incident needs change.

Incident Compliance and Governance

The platform ensures that all data and response actions are recorded in compliance with HIPAA and FISMA requirements. It centralizes audit trails and generates reports, ensuring that ASPR maintains adherence to federal regulations during all phases of incident management.

Data Handling and Security

Data security is critical for ASPR, and the Denysys IMS, powered by Appian, provides a robust solution. The platform adheres to stringent federal security standards, including:

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FedRAMP Certification
Ensures that the system meets rigorous federal cloud security standards, providing a secure environment for incident data.

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HIPAA and FISMA Compliance
The IMS platform ensures the protection of sensitive health information while complying with federal data handling standards.

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Enterprise-Grade Security
The Appian platform offers multi-factor authentication (MFA), data encryption at rest and in transit, and continuous monitoring, ensuring the highest level of data protection.

Performance Metrics and Accountability

To ensure that ASPR can track performance and measure the effectiveness of incident responses, the Denysys IMS provides powerful analytics and reporting capabilities. These include:

Audience Awareness

ASPR can create dashboards that track key performance indicators (KPIs) in real-time, such as response times, resource utilization, and incident resolution rates.

Cultural Sensitivity

The platform's machine learning capabilities offer predictive analytics, helping ASPR anticipate potential issues and adjust resources accordingly.

Professionalism

Detailed reports ensure transparency and accountability, allowing ASPR to meet its strategic objectives while maintaining full compliance with regulations.

Supporting Equity and Underserved Communities

The Denysys IMS can also help ASPR address equity gaps in emergency management by ensuring that underserved communities receive adequate attention and resources during incidents. Here are several recommendations for integrating equity considerations into ASPR's use of the system:

Choose The Right Visuals

Leverage GIS integration to track resource distribution and ensure that underserved areas are prioritized during public health emergencies..

Incident Equity Dashboard

Create dashboards that measure the impact of responses on different demographic groups, ensuring that resource allocation is equitable across regions.

Targeted Alerts and Communications

Customize alert systems to prioritize underserved communities, ensuring that they receive timely and critical information during public health crises.

Conclusion

The Denysys Incident Management System, built on the powerful Appian platform, provides the tools, integrations, and security features needed to help ASPR meet its strategic goals. By enhancing operational efficiency, improving response times, and enabling data-driven decision-making, the IMS system is well-positioned to empower ASPR employees and partners to tackle public health emergencies effectively. Furthermore, its flexibility and scalability make it an ideal complement to ASPR's existing resources, while its focus on equity ensures that all communities, including underserved ones, receive the critical support they need during crises.

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