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## **Health department teams assist with Kentucky emergency response**

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The Alabama Department of Public Health deployed teams totaling 23 staff members Saturday to assist with disaster response in Kentucky because of ice storms that affected a large portion of the state.

The employees from north, south and west Alabama are staffing medical needs shelters in three locations. Nurses, nurses' aides, social workers, environmentalists and administrative staff expect to staff shelters in Kentucky for up to one week under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, EMAC.

EMAC is a congressionally ratified organization that provides form and structure to interstate mutual aid. Through the compact a disaster-impacted state can request and receive assistance from other member states quickly and efficiently.

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