

# ATTACHMENT J

## HOSPITAL SUPPORT PLAN

### **Purpose**

This plan will help all participating New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA) Hospital Amateur Radio Project (HARP) stations communicate with each other and with other agencies via existing ARES networks during time of emergency.

### **Staffing**

HARP stations will be operated by licensed hospital staff to the greatest extent possible. Non-staff ARES members will act as backup operators as available.

### **Training & Integration**

HARP operators will be encouraged to participate in regular ARES training and drills to ensure that they will be able to operate effectively in the net environment during an actual emergency. ECs are encouraged to work with HARP coordinators at each hospital to determine training needs and make them aware of training opportunities. HARP operators should be encouraged to join ARES and become active members of the Amateur community.

### **Net Support**

HARP stations may participate as regular members of local ARES nets. Formal and tactical messages originated by HARP stations will be handled in accordance with regular NH-ARES procedures.