DATE: September 08, 2016

TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Notification of Final Rule Published- Emergency Preparedness

Memorandum Summary


• Health care providers and suppliers affected by this rule must comply and implement all regulations one year after the effective date, on November 16, 2017.

Background

The Emergency Preparedness Rule outlines the requirements for all providers and suppliers in regards to planning, preparing and training for emergency situations. The rule includes emergency plans, communication and accountability requirements as well as the training of staff. While there are minor variations based on the specific provider type, the rule is applicable to all providers and suppliers. An Emergency Preparedness training course is anticipated to be ready by early 2017.

The Final Rule can be located at https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection

Resources for Providers

While for the Emergency Preparedness Rule many resources have been listed to assist providers and suppliers, the information does not fully assist providers in gaining an understanding of the all-hazards emergency preparedness methodology.

Additional information can be found at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Emergency-Prep-Rule.html. We will continue to update the website with additional resources.
Contact: For questions regarding the Emergency Preparedness Rule, please contact SCGEmergencyPrep@cms.hhs.gov. For questions regarding Training, please contact SCG_Training@cms.hhs.gov.

Effective Date: Immediately. The information provided in this memorandum should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

/s/
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