



**Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group**

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**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**

- **Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers:** On September 8, 2016 the Federal Register posted the final rule *Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers*. The regulation goes into effect on November 16, 2016.
- 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](mailto:SCGEmergencyPrep@cms.hhs.gov). For questions regarding Training, please contact [SCG\\_Training@cms.hhs.gov](mailto: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.

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