

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



**A proven method for all-hazards risk assessments, emergency plans, training, drills, and all elements required to demonstrate compliance.**

The Medicare and Medicaid Programs Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers Final Rule establishes national emergency preparedness requirements for participating providers and certified suppliers to plan adequately for both natural and man-made disasters and coordinate with Federal, state, tribal, regional, and local emergency preparedness systems.

To continue care in a safe environment and meet patients' needs, the rule has four core components that must be included in the Emergency Preparedness Program, and must be reviewed and updated annually:

- Risk assessment and planning
- Policies and procedures
- Communication plan
- Training and testing program

Hospitals and health care organizations without the core components in place risk losing their Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. To meet the requirements, our team will provide solutions customized for your organization to comply with the rule's requirements, its annual assessments, and updates.

## Our Services

- Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)
- Policies and Procedures
- Training and Exercise Program
- Leadership, Staff, and Stakeholder Training
- Preparedness and Response Plans
- Business Continuity Services
- Emergency Response Coordination
- On-Call/On-Site Incident Command Center Support
- Just-In-Time Training (JITT)

## **Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)**

CMS requires each facility to conduct a risk assessment. A Hazard Vulnerability Assessment, which is based on an all-hazards approach, is an integrated approach to emergency preparedness planning that focuses on capacities and capabilities that are critical to preparedness for a full spectrum of emergencies or disasters. These may include, but are not limited to, care-related emergencies, equipment and power failures, interruptions in communications, including cyber attacks, loss of a portion or all of a facility, and interruptions in the normal supply of essentials such as water and food.

## **Policies and Procedures**

All facilities need to develop policies and procedures based on the emergency plan and hazard vulnerability assessment. The policies and procedures will address a range of issues including subsistence needs, evacuation plans, procedures for sheltering in place, and tracking patients and staffing during an emergency. It is a requirement to review and update policies and procedures at least annually.

## **Training & Exercise Program**

All facilities must participate in a full-scale exercise that is community-based, or when a community-based exercise is not accessible, an individual, facility-based exercise. Facilities must also conduct a second exercise that is either a full-scale exercise that is individual, facility-based, or a tabletop exercise (TTX).

## **Training**

Having competent leadership, staff, and stakeholders is vital to any disaster situation. Wipfli offers a wide variety of training topics that include but are not limited to leadership-specific trainings, incident command system roles (ICS), staff roles and responsibilities in a disaster, self-preparedness, psychological first aid, crisis standards of care, physician's role during a disaster, inclusion of access and functional needs (AFN) into Emergency Planning, knowing your community resources and building a network, and Healthcare Coalition Role.

## **Plans**

Plans are the foundation of how preparedness and response will occur. When an event occurs, your policies and procedures will indicate which plans to execute based on the current situation. CMS requires communications plans that include primary and alternate means for internal and external communications, patient care coordination, stakeholder and local agency notification, etc.

**Contact us today for your complimentary Emergency Preparedness Program assessment.**

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