

Introduction

Providers and suppliers that participate in Medicare and Medicaid must comply with a new final emergency preparedness rule issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The final rule, implemented Nov. 15, 2017, outlines four core elements that must be followed as part of a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan. These include:

Source: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Core-EP-Rule-Elements.html>

1. Risk Assessment and Emergency Planning

- ☐ Hazards likely in geographic area
- ☐ Care-related emergencies
- ☐ Equipment and Power failures
- ☐ Interruption in Communications, including cyber attacks
- ☐ Loss of all/portion of facility
- ☐ Loss of all/portion of supplies
- ☐ Plan is to be reviewed and updated at least annually

2. Communication Plan

- ☐ Complies with Federal and State laws
- ☐ System to Contact Staff, including patients' physicians, other necessary persons
- ☐ Well-coordinated within the facility, across health care providers, and with state and local public health departments and emergency management agencies.

A means, in the event of evacuation, to release patient information

3. Policies and Procedures

- ☐ Complies with Federal and State laws

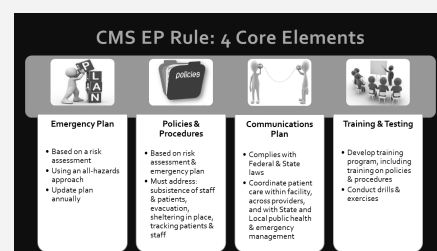
Must address: Subsistence of staff and patients, evacuation, sheltering in place, tracking patients and staff.

4. Training and Testing

- ☐ Complies with Federal and State laws
- ☐ Maintain and at a minimum update annually

Conduct drills and exercises

Four Core Elements



Federal Code

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-16/pdf/2016-21404.pdf>

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