



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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DATE: September 23, 2016

TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Save the Date- Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Conference Call on the
Emergency Preparedness Rule

Memorandum Summary

Emergency Preparedness Requirements MLN Connects Call on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm ET: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and MLN will host a national conference call to provide a general overview and questions and answers regarding the new requirements for providers and suppliers.

Registration

On September 16, 2016 CMS published the Emergency Preparedness final rule to establish consistent emergency preparedness requirements for health care providers participating in Medicare and Medicaid, increase patient safety during emergencies, and establish a more coordinated response to natural and man-made disasters. To register or for more information, visit [MLN Connects® Event Registration](#). Space may be limited, register early. During this call, we will provide an overview of the requirements of the final rule and discuss opportunities for technical assistance. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Topics:

- Provisions of the final rule
- Enforcement process
- Overview of available technical assistance

Target Audience: The final rule applies to 17 categories of providers and suppliers. See the [Event Registration](#) webpage for the complete list.

Effective Date: Immediately. This information should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators.

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