



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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DATE: September 15, 2017

TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Save the Date- All Surveyor Call on Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare & Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers Final Rule

Memorandum Summary

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Survey and Certification Group (SCG) will host an all Regional Office (RO) and State Survey Agency (SA) surveyor call to discuss the Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare & Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers Final Rule.
- **This call is restricted to RO and SA Management and Surveyors. This call will not be for the general public, stakeholders or associations.**

Background

On June 3, 2017, CMS published Appendix Z of the State Operations Manual (SOM) which provides guidance to all surveyors for the 17 providers and supplier types affected by the Emergency Preparedness Final Rule. Additionally, CMS has developed a web-based/self-paced course accessible to surveyors and the providers, which was released via Admin Info: 17-24-ALL on September 1, 2017.

CMS continues to receive various questions regarding the requirements. This call will address some of these inquiries, the survey process and enforcement, and include a question and answer session for discussion between CMS Central Office (CO), ROs and SAs.

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017

Time: 2:30pm-3:30pm ET

Topic: *Emergency Preparedness Requirements- All Surveyor Call*

Target Audience

The final rule applies to 17 categories of providers and suppliers. We encourage all surveyors and RO management to participate in the call. CO will begin to transfer some inquiry requests to the ROs and SAs for a full transition of questions to be done by 2018.

Call Information

ALL Surveyor Call on October, 26th 2017 from 2:30pm – 3:30pm ET

Dial in: 1-877-267-1577 Meeting ID: 994723328

Contact: For additional questions, please contact SCGEmergencyPrep@cms.hhs.gov.

Effective Date: Immediately. This policy 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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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management