

## Survey & Certification—Emergency Preparedness Regulation Guidance

### Guidance for Surveyors, Providers and Suppliers Regarding the New Emergency Preparedness (EP) Rule

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.

**Purpose:** To establish national emergency preparedness requirements to ensure adequate planning for both natural and man-made disasters, and coordination with federal, state, tribal, regional and local emergency preparedness systems. The following information will apply upon publication of the final rule:

- Requirements will apply to all 17 provider and supplier types (Including Providers of Outpatient Physical Therapy and or Outpatient Speech Pathology Services OPT/OSP).
- Each provider and supplier will have its own set of Emergency Preparedness regulations incorporated into its set of conditions or requirements for certification.
  - Must be in compliance with Emergency Preparedness regulations to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid program. The downloadable sections at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Emergency-Prep-Rule> will provide additional information, such as the background and overview of the final rule and related resources.

**If you have questions as to whether your healthcare facility is required to comply with the final rule, please refer to the downloads section of the [Emergency Preparedness Rule](#) and the attachment labeled [17 Facility-Provider Supplier Types Impacted](#).**