

Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid-Participating Home Health and Hospice Providers

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Registration:

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Description: Beginning in November 2017, Medicare and Medicaid providers – including home health and hospice – must meet a host of new requirements designed to ensure that they have the necessary planning in place to provide safe care for their patients, regardless of what type of emergency may occur. This series of six one-hour webinars will provide in-depth knowledge of the new requirements that home health and hospice organizations are subject to, with specific focus on: an overview of the regulations, starting the agency-specific plan, building the plan, development of policies and procedures, communication, and testing and training.

Program Goals: Through attendance in this web series, participants will increase their understanding of the new federal emergency preparedness requirements that are part of the home health and hospice Conditions of Participation (CoP) and become knowledgeable in how to apply the federal requirements for disaster preparedness in their home health or hospice agencies.

Following is the planned content and schedule for the live webinar sessions; for those who are unable to attend the live sessions, recorded sessions will be available:

Part 1: Overview of the Regulations

June 1, 2017, Noon – 1:00 pm EST
Including Lessons Learned, Home Health and Hospice's Role in an Event, All-Hazards Approach, Components of the Regulation

Part 2: Starting the Plan

June 6, 2017, Noon – 1:00 pm EST
Including Four Phases of Emergency Management, the National Response Framework, Incident Command System, and Hazard Vulnerability Assessment

Part 3: Building the Plan

June 8, 2017, Noon – 1:00 pm EST
Continuity of Operations (Defining Essential Function, Succession Planning, Human Resources, Alternate Location, Defining Patient Populations, and Data Management)

Part 4: Development of Policies and Procedures

June 13, 2017, Noon – 1:00 pm EST
Patient Classification Systems, Transportation Classifications, Surge Capacity, HIPAA/IT, Tracking Patients and Staff, and Roles and Definitions

Part 5: Communication

June 15, 2017, Noon – 1:00 pm EST
Health Care Coalitions; Specific Hospice Requirements; MOUs; Government Emergency Telecommunications System; Collaborative Relationships with Local, State, Federal, and Indian Tribe Nations; Methodologies for Communication; and Utilizing the ICS in Communication

Part 6: Testing and Training

June 27, 2017, Noon – 1:00 pm EST
Annual/Orientation Requirements, Documentation of Training, Types of Exercises (Tabletop, Functional, Full-scale), After Action Report, Revising and Updating the Plan

Program Faculty: **Barbara B. Citarella, RN, BSN, MS, CHCE, CSH-V** (Certified in Homeland Security) is the founder of RBC Limited Healthcare and Management Consultants. Barbara and her team of expert consultants have made the company a national leader in the home health and hospice industry in addition to disaster planning.

With over 25 years of experience, Barbara is internationally known for her expertise in the areas of infection control, leadership, and disaster preparedness. As the only recognized expert in the area of home care and hospice disaster planning, she specializes in emergency disaster planning, bioterrorism, health care development, and operations.

Barbara was part of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) committee to rewrite the National Response Plan document and the DHS Disaster Preparedness Guidelines for people with special needs. She has received the highest level (CHS-V) of certification in homeland security from the American Board for Certification in Homeland Security (ABCHS).

CEs: One nursing credit hour will be offered for each of the six parts of this webinar series, for a maximum of six. (This activity has been submitted to the Maryland Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The Maryland Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.)

