

# CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule and Related Resources

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# CMS – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

- Issued new emergency preparedness final rule
- Rule went into effect Nov. 15, 2016
- Implementation deadline is Nov. 15, 2017 at which time facilities can be surveyed for compliance
- Plans should be reviewed/updated yearly
- Loss of compliance could result in loss of funding

# Conditions of Participation

- Conditions of Participation (CoPs) and Conditions for Coverage (CfCs) are health and safety regulations which must be met by Medicare and Medicaid-participating providers and suppliers
- According to CMS – these regulations “serve to protect all individuals receiving services from those organizations”
- CMS recognized emergency preparedness was inconsistent by provider type and systemic gaps existed
- The regulations vary by provider type, but there are some commonalities which we will review today

# Four Core Elements for Providers

All providers must meet these four elements

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## Emergency Plan

- Develop a plan based on risk assessment and planning
- Using an all-hazards approach
- Plan and identify in advance essential functions and who is responsible in a crisis

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## Policies & Procedures

- Based on risk assessment and emergency plan
- Must address: food/water for staff and patients, evacuation, sheltering in place, tracking patients and staff

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## Communications Plan

- Plan which provides an alternate form of communication
- Coordination of patient care within facility, across providers, and with state and local public health and emergency management

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## Training & Exercise Program

- Develop training program, including initial training on policies & procedures
- Conduct drills and exercises

# This Website Breaks Rule Down by Provider Type

- <http://bparati.com/CMS-Emergency-Preparedness-Rule-for-Medicare-and-Medicaid-Participating-Providers-and-Suppliers>

# ASPR TRACIE Website

- Can help organizations involved in implementing new CMS rule with resources tailored to your agency's needs
- Resources for hazard vulnerability assessments, emergency plans, policies and procedures, communications plans, trainings and testing
- Register for free
- <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/>

# NIMS Courses

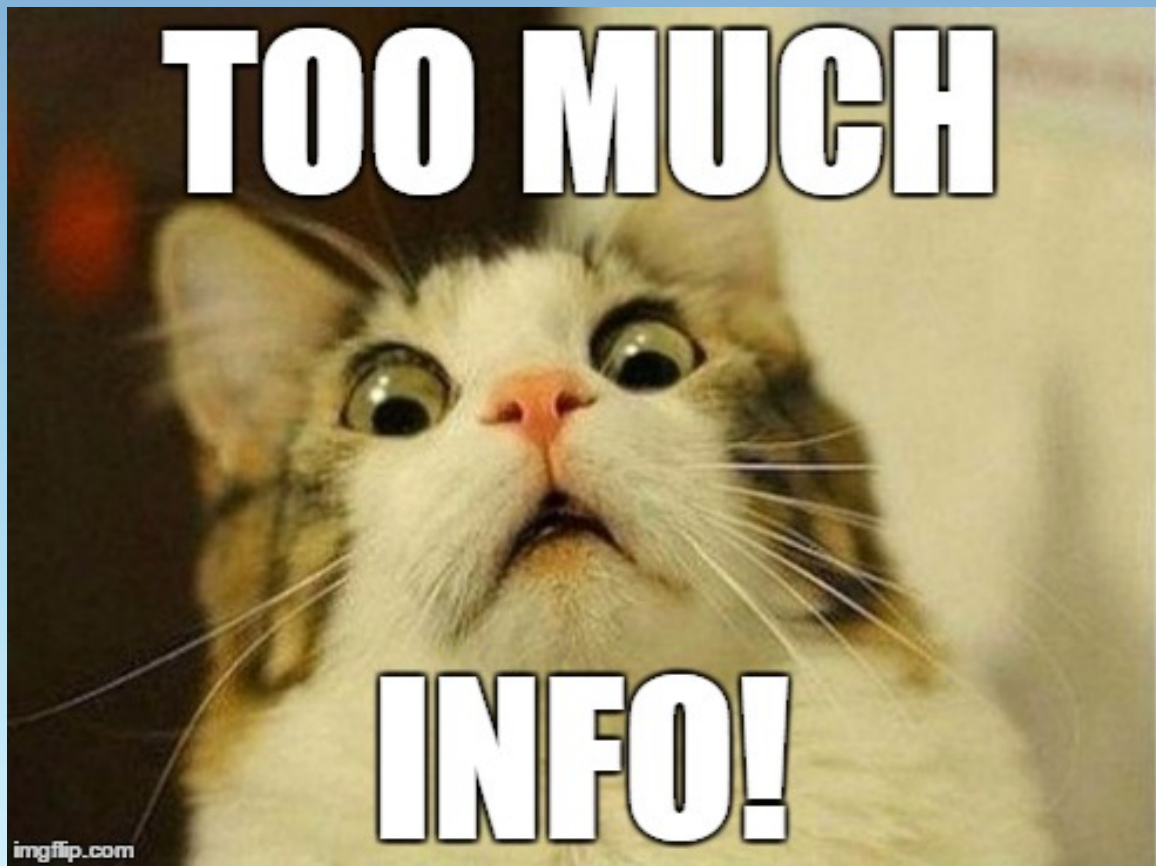
- Register on website – browse course offerings – suggested ones for administration and staff are listed on resource sheet
- Introduction to the Incident Command System for Healthcare/Hospitals

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.HCb>

# Additional Resources

- So many resources to help with this new rule, it can be overwhelming
- On the USB drives, all resources are listed with links and one-line summary of resource type
- Our contact information is listed
- Charity and Wanda will discuss healthcare coalition resources





# Advice

- There is a lot of information out there to help you
- This can be good
- It can also be exhausting
- Recommendation: Go back to the first link on the resource page
- Focus on your agency's requirement and the four main elements
- Each year will get easier





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