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Communications

Leading Age- CMS Extends Flexibility on Emergency Preparedness Exercises

Source: Leading Age, If the facility claimed the full-scale exercise exemption in 2020 based on its activated emergency plan and has since resumed normal operating status, the inpatient provider/supplier is expected to complete its required full-scale exercise in 2021, unless it has reactivated its emergency plan for an actual emergency during its 12-month cycle for 2021. This exemption applies to the next required full-scale exercise only, not the exercise of choice, based on the facility's 12-month exercise cycle. The facility determines the exercise cycle (e.g., calendar year, fiscal year or another 12- month timeframe).

Documentation of the activation of an emergency plan may include but is not limited to the following:

- Notice of activation to staff via electronic systems (alerts);
- Proof of patient transfers and changes in daily operations based on the emergency;
- Initiation of additional safety protocols, for example, mandate for the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff, visitors and patients as applicable;
- Coordination with state and local emergency officials;
- Minutes of board/facility meetings;
- 1135 Waiver (individual or use of blanket flexibilities); or
- Incident command system-related reports, such as situation reports or incident action plans.

For more information, please use the following [link](#). [CMS Update 06212021](#)



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Hospice News- Hospices Gear Up for Overhauled CMS Survey Process

Source: Hospice News, "It's all a new framework for hospice programs. There will have to be a lot of training and thinking about how these new criteria apply and the potential for other enforcement remedies," said Mollie Gurian, director of hospice, palliative and home health policy for LeadingAge. "Hospices are going to need education about what can happen when they do get a citation, the deadlines they have to meet and how to comply as effectively as possible." For more information, please use the following [link](#).

Emergency Operations Planning

Emergency Lighting and Exit Sign Requirements

When was the last time you checked your emergency egress lighting? Do you have a schedule for testing them? Did you know testing is required every month? How long will your lights stay on during a power failure? There are regulations that cover the requirements for emergency lighting under OSHA's Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.34(c). For more information use the following [link](#).

Emergency Non-Congregate Sheltering

FEMA has extended funding for emergency non-congregate sheltering during the COVID-19 public health emergency until November 30, 2021. For more please use the following [link](#).

Preparedness

Children and Disasters

The catastrophic nature of disaster often results in the separation of children from their parents and guardians. Communicating with children and developing a plan before a disaster strikes helps them understand and feel less fearful when it happens. Building a communications plan, emergency preparedness kit, and encouraging them to ask questions will help. For more information use the following [link](#).

ASPR TRACIE

Have you ever been looking for information, but just couldn't find what you were looking for? Have you tried the ASPR TRACIE website? There is a great deal of information on the site, technical help, information exchange, and planning resources. In the resource library there are templates for developing plans, resources for preparing for disasters. The information exchange tab allows you to ask questions of others. Next time you need information check them out. [link](#)



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Training and Exercise

Upcoming training

- Exercise and Training workgroup meeting: Wednesday, August 18th at 9:00 – if you are interested in participating in the workgroup please email Mary at mmorton@vaems.org
- Lunch and Learn: Lunch and Learn with Larry Sigler, Director of Food Safety, Waffle House. August 12th.
- ICS 400 August 18-19 at TEMS Contact 757-963-0632
- Please do not forget to sign up for our Quarterly Tabletop exercise series.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8A72DA7F4C52-quarterly>

Hospital Emergency Response Team Training

Chesapeake Regional Healthcare will be hosting an indirect offering of the FEMA Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) course on **August 19 & 20** at our Lifestyle Center, located at 800 Battlefield Blvd. N, Chesapeake, VA 23320, which is located right beside the main hospital. This means that the course is the same course you would receive if you went to a FEMA campus, but is taught by FEMA approved instructors at an off-site location. The course will teach all elements of HERT operations and students will receive FEMA course completion certificates, as well as education credit for use with continuing education. See attached flyer for registration information. Please share with your teams and invite them to participate. We would love to have as many people come that would like to join us for this class. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

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Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents

The **Tidewater EMS Council** and **Hampton Roads MMRS** are pleased to host Texas A&M Engineering Extension (TEEX) Service in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to deliver the Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents (MGT-348 see flyer attached).

This course is intended for members of emergency response as well as other city and county services that become part of a community response to a bombing incident.

Prerequisites – FEMA/SID Number

Course Length – Two days (8:00 – 5:00)

Class Size – Minimum of 30 participants

WHEN: August 16-17, 2021

WHERE: DELTA HOTELS, 725 Woodlake Dr. Chesapeake, VA 23320



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“For registration to attend the August 16-17, 2021 Medical Preparedness and Response for Bombing Incidents MGT-348 course hosted by Tidewater EMS Council to be held at the Chesapeake Delta by Marriott, **please utilize the TEEEX student portal (see the link below). Creating a username and password will eliminate the need to fill out registration paperwork in class and will be the same site you will log in to after successful completion of the class to view and print your certificate.**

Chesapeake VA MGT-348 course delivery

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT348&S=596>

If you have any questions or problems accessing this site please contact our customer service associate Natalie Lopez Natali.Lopez@teex.tamu.edu or student worker Katie Ray Katie.ray@teex.tamu.edu

Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events.

Brought to you by Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters, Eastern Virginia Medical School, and EVHC. This is a DHS/FEMA funded course presented by TEEEX staff.

When: September 15 – 16, 8:00 to 5:00

Where: Waitzer Hall, Room 131, Eastern Va. Medical School Campus

Registration: [registration link](#)

Please utilize the TEEEX student portal (see the link below). Creating a username and password will eliminate the need to fill out registration paperwork in class and will be the same site you will log in to after successful completion of the class to view and print your certificate.

For more information, visit TEEEX website at: <https://teex.org>

Contact: Walter Soto Phone: 757-668-6903 email: walter.soto@chkd.org



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Home Health Care News

SNF-Diversion Bill 'Choose Home' introduced, projected to save millions annually.

On Thursday, July 29, 2021 the Choose Home Care Act of 2021 is gaining momentum. If passed the legislation would allow certain Medicare patients to receive extended care services as an add-on to existing Medicare home health benefit for 30 days following a hospital stay. For more information use the following [link](#).

Cyber Security

ASPR Critical Infrastructure Protection Bulletins

Source: PHE Critical Infrastructure Protection. The ASPR Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection offers a variety of bulletins to stakeholders of the Healthcare and Public Health (HPH) Sector. These bulletins are used to share need to know information, resources, and timely incident alerts that allow HPH Sector stakeholders to personalize the information they receive. For more information please use the following [link](#)