Emergency Management Planning Standards, Regulations, and Guidelines

The following agencies and organizations have set forth requirements/expectations, or standards related to emergency management (EM) plans:

Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA)

The emergency management expectations for health centers include:

- **Emergency management planning**—health centers should be engaged in an ongoing, continuous process to ensure that emergency management plans (EMP) are appropriate.
- **Linkages and collaborations**—health centers should maximize their linkages and collaborations.
- **Communications and information sharing**—health centers should have policies and procedures for communicating and sharing information with internal and external stakeholders.
- **Maintaining financial and operational stability**—health centers' business plans should address financial viability in the event of an emergency.

Also see:
Policy Information Notice (PIN) 2011-02
Program Assistance Letter (PAL) 2014-05

New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH)

Title 10 Section 702.7 - Emergency and disaster preparedness

"Medical facilities shall have an acceptable written plan, rehearsed and updated at least twice a year, with procedures to be followed for the proper care of patients and employees, including the reception and treatment of mass casualty victims, in the event of an internal or external emergency or disaster arising from the interruption of normal services resulting from earthquake, tornado, flood, bomb threat, strike, interruption of utility services and similar occurrences. All employees are to be trained in all aspects of preparedness for any interruption of services and for any disaster."

The Joint Commission

Ambulatory Care Standards (Effective July 1, 2015)-

EM.01.01.01: The organization engages in planning activities prior to developing its Emergency Management Plan.

EM.02.01.01: The organization has an Emergency Management Plan.

EM.03.01.01: The organization evaluates the effectiveness of its Emergency Management Plan.

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Proposed Rule

"This rule proposes emergency preparedness requirements for Medicare and Medicaid participating providers and suppliers to ensure that they adequately plan for both natural and man-made disasters and coordinate with Federal, State, tribal, regional, and local emergency preparedness systems. This rule would ensure providers and suppliers are adequately prepared to meet the needs of patients, residents, clients, and participants during disasters and emergency situations."

Emergency Management Planning Tools, Templates, and Information

- Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans. (Federal Emergency Management Agency) https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1828-25045 0014/cpg_101_comprehensive_preparedness_guide_developing_and_maintaining_emergency_ operations_plans_2010.pdf

- Emergency Preparedness Toolkit for Primary Care Providers. (John Hopkins National Center for the Study of Preparedness and Catastrophic Event Response) http://www.pacercenter.org/media/29523/pacer-mor-758%20emergency%20toolkit%20- %20final.pdf.pdf

- TRACIE Topic Collections. (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response) https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/ASPR-TRACIE-Topic-Collection.pdf

- Incident Command System (ICS) Resource Center. (Federal Emergency Management Agency) https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/icsresource/

- Creating a Business Continuity Plan for your Health Center. (National Association of Community Health Centers and Primary Care Development Corporation.) http://www.pcdc.org/assets/pdf/business-continuity-manual.pdf

- Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) http://emergency.cdc.gov/cerc/

- EM101- Emergency Management for Primary Care Centers Webinar. (Primary Care Emergency Preparedness Network)- https://www.nylearnsph.com/Public/Catalog/Description.aspx?u=kM6WW0gCRpm5uNP55%2f1 VSr3VtqCh1JlsBXzg4oGsbXK93igXwX5bfI8MlY9Qhbcg%2btpPyQR8GH8%3d

- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program. (Department of Homeland Security) https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/32326

- Mental Health Preparedness Online Trainings. (Johns Hopkins Center for Public Health Preparedness) http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center- for-public-health-preparedness/training/online/mental-health-trainings.html

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