

MEMORANDUM

TO: ASHCAE Members

FROM: Dave Kylo

SUBJECT: **New Emergency Preparedness Tool to Help Members Comply with New CMS Rules Taking Effect November 15**

DATE: October 5, 2017

Nursing facilities (SNFs/NFs) and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID) face new sweeping regulations affecting their emergency preparedness planning beginning on November 15. These requirements include:

- Annual Risk Assessment and Emergency Planning
- Communication Plan
- Emergency Preparedness Policies and Procedures (must be reviewed annually)
- Training and Testing

AHCA/NCAL is offering a new tool through the [AHCA/NCAL Bookstore](#) titled “[Emergency Preparedness Program \(EPP\) Customizable Plan for Long Term Care](#)” that allows facilities to customize compliant plans, including:

- Emergency Preparedness Program Management Plan
- Communications Plan
- Procedures applicable to all hazard responses
- Incident Command System
- Full building Evacuation Plan
- Emergency Lists
- Continuity of Operations and Recovery Plan.

The EPP tool was reviewed by several members and state affiliate staff before being selected for the Bookstore. AHCA/NCAL was able to negotiate a significant discount on the tool for members. AHCA/NCAL members receive exclusive “member only” pricing of \$395 for the EPP customizable plan – a savings of \$100 off the regular retail/non-member price.

The [EPP plan from Russell Phillips & Associates](#) includes:

- An electronic flash drive – Allows facilities to add specific information to customize their plans.
- Hard copy of the documents – Provides hard copy worksheet-style documents of emergency preparedness program plans.

- Binder with tabs prepared for insertion of customized plan – An invaluable resource that organizes plan documents.
- A crosswalk between the new CMS regulations and the customizable EPP plan manual – This indispensable tool provides a clear-cut detailed comparison that shows how a facility's EPP plan meets CMS requirements and demonstrates precise compliance to survey agencies and authorities having jurisdiction. We think this will be a valuable resource when members have surveyors questioning their plans.

Members can order the [customizable EPP plan](#) through the [AHCA/NCAL Bookstore](#) at www.ahcabookstore.com.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP): A Customizable Plan for LTC

Meet the November 15th deadline for CMS compliance!

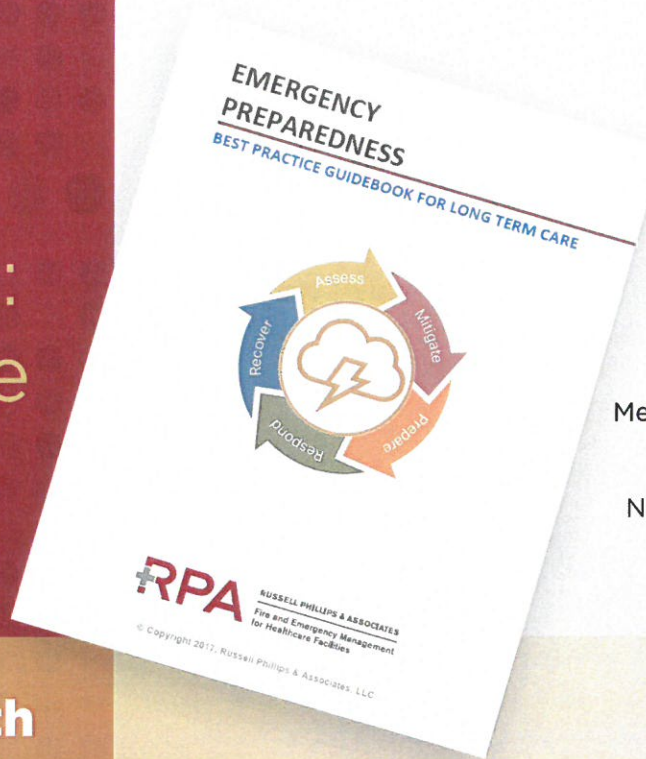
Guidance tools address the four core elements of CMS's Emergency Preparedness Requirements:

1. Annual Risk Assessment and Emergency Planning
2. Communication Plan
3. Emergency Preparedness Policies and Procedures
4. Training and Testing

An Invaluable Resource!

You get an electronic version so you can easily add your facility's information. You also get a hard copy of the worksheet-style documents with a sectioned binder for your finalized plan.

This EPP provides the solution to the challenges of compliance and continual survey-readiness!



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Member Price: \$395.00

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NEW!

Now includes "EPP/CMS Crosswalk"

- Indispensable! The tool helps you develop a plan to achieve CMS compliance.
- Clear and detailed! Developed by Emergency Management and Life Safety experts, it demonstrates how your EPP meets all requirements.
- Precise! Survey agencies or other authorities having jurisdiction will quickly see that your plan is in compliance.

Includes:

- EPP Management Plan
- Communications Plan
- Full Building Evacuation Plan
- Incident Command System
- Continuity of Operations and Recovery Plan
- Procedures for hazard responses
- Emergency Lists

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