



Central Maine Regional Resource Center
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To whom it may concern:

Have you heard about the new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) emergency preparedness rule that went into effect on November 15, 2016? This rule sets forth new conditions of participation in the CMS program that apply to seventeen different provider types. The final rule establishes national emergency preparedness requirements to plan adequately for both natural and man-made disasters, and coordinate with federal state, tribal, regional and local emergency preparedness systems. Requirements include risk assessment and emergency planning, developing and implementing policies and procedures based on your emergency planning, developing and maintaining a communication plan, as well as training your personnel and testing your plans. The implementation date of these regulations is November 15, 2017. Is your organization ready?

If not, you're not alone and you don't have to start from scratch! The CMS rules mention health care coalitions as a resource for organizations developing emergency preparedness programs - we are your health care coalition! The Central Maine Regional Resource Center is the lead for the Central Maine Regional Health Care Coalition (CMRHCC). This coalition is a collaborative venture involving key partners within the central Maine region including hospitals, rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers, emergency medical service providers, home health agencies, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, mental health agencies, substance abuse agencies, law enforcement, fire departments, local health officers, municipal health departments, tribal health resources, county and local emergency management agencies and we hope you.

We would like to invite you to a workshop with your peers (at no cost to you) to discuss these new changes and to help you get ready! Come learn about resources at your disposal and meet the professionals in the area that can help guide you through the emergency planning process.

The next two workshops are scheduled at Central Maine Medical Center in the conference rooms located at 12 High Street, Lewiston.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
Thursday, January 12, 2017	0800 – 1200	Conference Rooms A/B/C
Thursday, March 16, 2017	0800 – 1200	Conference Rooms A/B/C

Visit our website at www.cmrrc.org to view the agenda and find other valuable resources. Please email Kris Gammon at gammonkr@cmhc.org or call 795-2962 if you would like to attend.

Sincerely,

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