



**State of Louisiana**  
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Health Standards Section

**Templates for Developing an All Hazards Risk Assessment and Emergency Plan**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a final rule on September 8, 2016 regarding emergency preparedness requirements for providers and suppliers. This rule affects 17 provider types.

This rule became effective on November 16, 2016 with implementation date to be in full compliance set for November 16, 2017. Regulatory oversight of these new requirements will begin after November 16, 2017

One of the major components of this requirement indicates that the entity must complete an all hazards assessment and must participate in a "whole community" exercise. Facilities will need to exercise their plan in a multi-disciplinary type exercise to meet this requirement and to ensure the adequate functioning of their plan.

**Although not mandated for use**, these templates are extremely robust, well thought out, and have been established to assist providers to ensure safe care and services for clients during an emergency as well as ensuring compliance with the CMS regulation.

The templates can be located at

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/84ulhmgklir8ba5/AAArFPbHLEsoVf-VhUGmG8vsa?dl=0>

Additional resources regarding this CMS mandate can be found on the Health Standards Section website at [www.ldh.la.gov/HealthStandards](http://www.ldh.la.gov/HealthStandards). Follow that link to Programs and then to Emergency Preparedness

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Thank you

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