



CMS Changes Requirements

Special thanks to Gerilyn Dieterich, RN with Salina Surgical Center, who shared this update with us found in CMS Guidance, Ref: QSO-20-41-ALL.

Welcome

Our newest member to the
NCK HCC:

Corrina Hudsonpillar with
Valley Hope



The early, secure registration of volunteers is very important to our preparedness response. If you haven't done so already, please register today on: <https://member.everbridge.net/892807736723931/>



The next NCK HCC Member Meetings will be:
November 13, 2020
January 8, 2021
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
https://www.train.org/ks/course/1092953/live_event

Summary:

Emergency Preparedness Testing Exemption and Guidance

CMS regulations for Emergency Preparedness require specific testing exercises be conducted to validate the facility's emergency program. During or after an actual emergency, the regulations allow for an exemption to the testing requirements based on real world actions taken by providers and suppliers.

Details:

The emergency preparedness regulations allow an exemption for providers or suppliers that experience a natural or man-made event requiring activation of their emergency plan. On Friday, March 13, 2020, the President declared a national emergency due to COVID-19 and subsequently many providers and suppliers have activated their emergency plans in order to address surge and coordinate response activities. Facilities that activate their emergency plans are exempt from the next required full-scale community-based or individual, facility-based functional exercise. Facilities must be able to demonstrate, through written documentation, that they activated their program due to the emergency. CMS requires facilities to conduct an exercise of choice annually for inpatient providers and every two years for outpatient providers (opposite the year of the full-scale or facility-based functional exercise). For the "exercise of choice," facilities must conduct one of the testing exercises below:

- Another full-scale exercise;
- Individual-facility-based functional exercise;
- Mock disaster drill; or
- A tabletop exercise or workshop.

Conducting Assessments & Documentation

As a reminder, all providers and suppliers must continue to analyze their facility's response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and activation of their emergency plan. This would include documentation showing any revisions to the facility's emergency plan as a result of the after action review process. A future release of the State Operations Manual, Appendix Z will update the guidance.

Contact: Questions about this memorandum should be addressed to QSOG_EmergencyPrep@cms.hhs.gov. Effective Date: Immediately. This policy should be communicated to all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators immediately.



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In the spotlight...

Cloud County

NCK HCC members from
Cloud County include:

Cloud County Medical Center
Cloud County Health Department
Cloud County EMS
Cloud County Emergency Management
The Nichol Home

What do you call a pretty pumpkin?

A: Gourdgeous.

How are pumpkins like cats?

A: They're often waiting on the porch for you



KS-HAN is an internet-based, secure, emergency alerting system that allows general public health and emergency preparedness information to be shared rapidly. KS-HAN has the ability to alert registrants by organization, occupation, county, or group through email, work and cell phone, and SMS text. Additionally, KS-HAN can be utilized as a document storing and sharing website.

To request access:

KS-HAN is an invitation-only system. To request access, email your: first and last name, organization/employer, work phone number, job role/position to the KS-HAN Administrator at KDHE.KSHANAdmin@ks.gov. You will receive a registration link via email that you must activate to complete your registration. Since KS-HAN is the primary system used by KDHE for communication during an emergency, it is important to ensure that your organization's registrants and their contact information are kept updated

RESOURCES:



- ICS Classes are available on KS.Train:
 - ICS 100: <https://www.train.org/ks/course/1078825/>
 - ICS 200 for First Responders: <https://www.train.org/ks/course/1009613>
 - ICS 700 an Introduction to the National Incident Management System: <https://www.train.org/ks/course/1078831/>
- KDADS Website - Funding opportunity for Long Term Care to kshhelp for obtaining visitation and technology resources. <https://www.kdads.ks.gov/funding-opportunities>



- 10/14/20, 10:00—11:00 AM Psychological First Aid, KS.Train #1092227
- 10/21/20, 10:00—11:00 AM EMResource, Beginners Guide, KS.Train#1093047
- 11/10/20, 10:00 am Medical Counter Measures Webinar will have some great tips about readying for mass vaccination and a member of the state vaccination planning team members will be present to share new information. KS.Train Course #1092020.
- 2/10/21, 10:00 am, Crisis Communications Overview. KS.Train Course #1092019
- Remember that DQE's Online HazMat Education will cease at the **end of December 2020**. Beth Vallier (nc@hccpkansas.com or 785-472-1247) has a list of the seats left for each hospital in the NCK HCC region. This is a great resource that has already been paid for and works great in getting your staff ready for a hazmat emergency.
Please note that the link to all the DQE videos is now available on the website, <https://www.kshcc.com/library.html>.

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