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**S&C 16-33-ALL: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REQUIREMENTS  
CONFERENCE CALL**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home and ICF/IID Administrators:

On September 16, 2016, CMS published the Emergency Preparedness final rule to establish consistent emergency preparedness requirements for health care providers participating in Medicare and Medicaid, increase patient safety during emergencies, and establish a more coordinated response to natural and man-made disasters.

**Emergency Preparedness Requirements MLN Connects Call on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm ET:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and MLN will host a national conference call to provide a general overview and questions and answers regarding the new requirements for providers and suppliers.

To register or for more information, visit MLN Connects® Event Registration. Space may be limited, register early. During this call, CMS will provide an overview of the requirements of the final rule and discuss opportunities for technical assistance. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Additional information and the S&C memo can be found at:

[MLN Connects® Event Registration](#)

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of nursing home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your local RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,

  
Candace Goehring, Director  
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