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**S&C 16-38-ALL: NOTIFICATION OF FINAL RULE PUBLISHED**  
**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator

On September 8, 2016 the Federal Register posted the final rule Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers. The regulation goes into effect on November 15, 2016. Health care providers and suppliers affected by this rule must comply and implement all regulations one year after the effective date, on November 15, 2017. The Final Rule can be accessed online at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>

The Emergency Preparedness Rule outlines the requirements for all providers and suppliers in regards to planning, preparing and training for emergency situations. Additional information and the S&C memo can be found at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Emergency-Prep-Rule.html>

CMS will continue to update the website with additional resources.

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,

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