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CMS's Recent Emergency Preparedness Rule

Since the disaster of Hurricane Sandy in 2009, a rule surrounding emergency preparedness has been on the “national agenda” for quite some time. CMS’s final rule, Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers, requires long-term care providers to: (1) create coordinated emergency plans and policies; (2) install and maintain emergency power systems; and (3) create plans regarding missing residents in the wake of an emergency. The final rule went into effect on November 16, 2016.

This rule will prove crucial for residents in facilities who have motorized wheelchairs or utilize continuous positive airways to breath in times of emergency. The Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers puts in place critical requirements to ensure resident safety. To learn more about this rule, click [here](#).