

## **Appendix Z-Emergency Preparedness for All Providers and Certified Supplier Types Interpretive Guidance (Tags only)**

**E-0004 §483.73(a):** Emergency Plan. The LTC facility must develop and maintain an emergency preparedness plan that must be reviewed and updated at least annually.

**E-0013 §483.73(b):** Policies and procedures. The LTC facility must develop and implement emergency preparedness policies and procedures, based on the emergency plan set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, risk assessment at paragraph (a)(1) of this section, and the communication plan at paragraph (c) of this section. The policies and procedures must be reviewed and updated at least annually.

**E-0024 §483.73(b)(6)** Policies and procedures. At a minimum, the policies and procedures must address the following:

The use of volunteers in an emergency or other emergency staffing strategies, including the process and role for integration of State and Federally designated health care professionals to address surge needs during an emergency.

**E-0026 §483.73(b)(8)** Policies and procedures. The role of the [facility] under a waiver declared by the Secretary, in accordance with section 1135 of the Act, in the provision of care and treatment at an alternate care site identified by emergency management officials.

**E-0034 §483.73(c)(7)** The communication plan must include all of the following:

A means of providing information about the [facility's] occupancy, needs, and its ability to provide assistance, to the authority having jurisdiction, the Incident Command Center, or designee.

**E-0035 §483.73(c)(8)** The LTC facility must develop and maintain an emergency preparedness communication plan that complies with Federal, State and local laws and must be reviewed and updated at least annually. The communication plan must include all of the following:

A method for sharing information from the emergency plan, that the facility has determined is appropriate, with residents [or clients] and their families or representatives.