Emergency Preparedness Compliance Requirement for HH Providers

Effective Nov. 16, 2017 home health, hospice and other Medicare and Medicaid-participating providers must meet extensive new emergency preparedness requirements, including the ability to demonstrate that they have:

- Developed an emergency plan for a full range of emergencies specific to their agency’s location;
- Developed and implemented policies and procedures based on the plan and risk assessment;
- Developed and maintain a communication plan compliant with state and federal law so patient care is properly coordinated with other providers, health departments and emergency systems; and
- Developed training and testing programs and participated in drills and exercises to test the plan.

The Association has partnered with NAHC to offer our members the 611- Emergency Disaster Preparedness Manual/Disaster Preparedness Toolkit CD-ROM Combo at a discounted price of only $324 (including shipping and handling). Use promo code NAHCEDP at checkout.

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CT Healthcare Provider Association Collaborative Makes Wash. DC Hill Advocacy Visits

Deborah Hoyt, President and CEO of the CT Assoc. for Healthcare at Home (right), was joined by leaders from CHA, LeadingAge CT and the CT State Medical Society to deliver a united advocacy message to the CT Congressional delegation and their healthcare staffers to oppose ACA repeal and replace and oppose cuts to Medicare and Medicaid for all provider types. The Associations have been partnering for more than 6 years of
MOLST Program Now Available Statewide

The CT Dept. of Public Health (DPH) launched a statewide Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) program, that gives patients approaching the end stage of a serious life limiting illness or who are in a condition of chronic progressive frailty the ability to choose the medical treatments for their end-of-life care.

"MOLST offers patients with life limiting illnesses the opportunity to learn about the benefits and drawbacks of all treatment options and to make their wishes for end of life care known. It ensures that patient choices about life-sustaining interventions and end of life care options are documented as medical orders that are transferrable and respected across all health care settings," said DPH Commissioner Dr. Raul Pino. "The MOLST document applies equally to patients who choose to continue treatment and who choose to decline any or all life-sustaining interventions."

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Member Agencies Awarded "Top Workplace"

The Association congratulates several of its members for being recognized as 2017 TopWorkplaces. McLean Home Care and Hospice, Qualidigm and Center for Hospice Care S.E. all ranked in the top 25 of small employers in the Hartford Courant survey, and for the 6th time since 2011, RVNA has been named a Top Workplaces award winner by Hearst Connecticut Media. Caption: Theresa Santoro, RVNA President and CEO
U.S. Senate Passes CHRONIC Care Act and RAISE Family Caregivers Act

Home care and hospice won a double victory on Sept. 26, when the Senate passed the CHRONIC Care Act and the RAISE Family Caregivers Act. Both pieces of legislation are important to the home care and hospice community and millions of Americans who depend on it.

The Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017 (S.870), will:

- Reduce Medicare costs by improving chronic disease management services and care coordination at home.
- Increase access to telehealth for Medicare patients with chronic illnesses and create incentives for patients to receive care via accountable care associations (ACOs).
- Extend the Independence at Home (IAH) demonstration to allow people to remain in their homes rather than in institutionalized settings.
- Permit reimbursement for more social services and non-health, and permanently extend the MA Special Needs plans that assist chronically ill patients.

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Registration Open! Nov. 1 Annual Conference and Expo - Hartford Marriott

You are invited to the Association's Annual Conference on Wed., Nov. 1, 2017 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. Attendee brochures with keynote speaker information, the breakout session agenda, and registration information will be available in the coming weeks.

Plan ahead! Registration pricing is $180 for members, and discounted at $1,690 for a table of 10. A solid value for a full day of education, meals and networking with your peers and industry consultants and vendors - not to mention the many raffle prizes!
CLICK HERE to register and view the 2017 Attendee Brochure.

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