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### ACHC Releases Home Health and Hospice Emergency Preparedness Standards

**Cary, NC** – On September 12, 2017, Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) released new Home Health and Hospice Accreditation Standards that incorporate the CMS Emergency Preparedness Conditions of Participation (CoPs). ACHC recently received CMS approval for these revised standards, which are available to download on Customer Central ([cc.achc.org](http://cc.achc.org)).

“We know that providers have been eager to review the ACHC Emergency Preparedness standards in preparation for the November 15, 2017, implementation date,” said Teresa Harbour, ACHC Director of Home Health, Hospice, and Private Duty. “We are excited that these standards have been approved by CMS and are available for customers. To help providers prepare, we have also developed a free webinar on Emergency Preparedness that is available on [accreditationuniveristy.com](http://accreditationuniveristy.com).”

In accordance with the CMS implementation date, ACHC will begin surveying against the new Emergency Preparedness standards starting November 15, 2017.

ACHC is a nonprofit accreditation organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. The organization has CMS Deeming Authority for Home Health, Hospice, and DMEPOS and a Quality Management System that is certified to ISO 9001:2008. ACHC is the provider’s choice for accreditation because of its personal Account Advisors, relevant and realistic standards, competitive pricing, and a friendly, consultative approach to accreditation. Accreditation by ACHC reflects an organization’s dedication and commitment to meeting standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care.

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