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Subject: Emergency Preparedness Seminar

Emergency Preparedness Seminar for Medicare and Medicaid Providers

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) are implementing new rules for Medicare and Medicaid providers to establish national emergency preparedness requirements to ensure adequate planning for both natural and man-made disasters, and coordination with federal, state, tribal, regional and local emergency preparedness systems. This rule goes into effect November 16, 2017 and impacts many local healthcare organizations. These organization can find out more about the Emergency Preparedness rule by visiting CMS.gov

The Kankakee County Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) is hosting a 2 hour seminar on September 12th, 2017 at 9am at Presence St. Mary's Hospital-Franco Conference Center, and will include a panel discussion from local experts. Through this seminar, community agencies that fall under the CMS requirements will learn how community organizations and public safety agencies can provide support in meeting the Emergency Preparedness requirements. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network and receive valuable information to aid their planning efforts. Individuals can register through Eventbrite by going to <https://epseminarkankakee.eventbrite.com>. Registration is limited, individuals are encouraged to register as soon as possible to reserve a seat.

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