

# Shiver Me Timbers! LTC/HH/H Earthquake Exercise

## Segment 4: After The Shaking Stops – Evacuation Preparation

In this segment staff will verbalize or demonstrate through a \*mock disaster drill their response to earthquake shaking and perform a self-assessment and assessment of surrounding area to report to leadership. This segment may be run by itself or may be run in conjunction with Segment 3.

### Core Capabilities Being Tested

#### **\*CMS Emergency Preparedness: Community Participation and Partners**

*Community partners are considered any emergency management officials (fire, police, emergency medical services, etc.) for full-scale and community-based exercises, however, can also mean community partners that assist in an emergency, such as surrounding providers and suppliers. The intent behind full-scale and community based exercises is to ensure the facility's emergency program and response capabilities complement the local and state emergency plans and support an integrated response while protecting the health and safety of patients.*

\* CMS Updated Guidance in Emergency Preparedness – Appendix Z of the State Operations Manual <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-21-15-all.pdf>

#### **\*\*Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response Coordination**

*Health care and medical response coordination enables the health care delivery system and other organizations to share information, manage and share resources, and integrate their activities with other jurisdiction partners.*

#### **\*\*Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery**

*Optimal emergency medical care relies on intact infrastructure, functioning communications and information systems, and support services. The ability to deliver health care services is likely to be interrupted when internal or external systems such as utilities, electronic health records (EHRs), and supply chains are compromised. However, health care organizations should take a broader view and address all risks that could compromise continuity of health care service delivery.*

\*\* ASPR Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities for Health Care Coalitions Document

<https://aspr.hhs.gov/HealthCareReadiness/guidance/Documents/Health-Care-Preparedness-and-Response-Capabilities-for-Health-Care-Coalitions.pdf>

### Associated Exercise Objectives

Exercise Objective	Expected Actions	Satisfactory/ Not Satisfactory	
<p>3. Facility interacts with community support partners regarding facility status and resource or support needs as a part of validating preparedness procedures.</p>	<p>Staff demonstrate ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather current status of the facility and resource or support needs</li> <li>• Use a variety of communication means to Communicate with NWHRN</li> <li>• Follow established status and needs categories for reporting</li> </ul>	<p>(Circle)</p> <p>S      NS</p> <p>S      NS</p> <p>S      NS</p>	
<p>8. Staff and Leadership assess preparation to evacuate patients and staff to safer locations in the aftermath of an earthquake, with consideration for medical, environmental, nutritional and sanitary needs and notification to families.</p>	<p>Staff demonstrate ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articulate evacuation plan and requirements for their facility and/or patient population needs</li> <li>• Identify patients and acuity level needs for evacuation</li> <li>• Identify necessary evacuation preparation activities</li> <li>• Articulate and communicate alternate locations for patients and staff</li> <li>• Articulate and communicate transportation resource needs and capabilities</li> <li>• Skills necessary for preparing patients for evacuation</li> </ul>	<p>(Circle)</p> <p>S      NS</p> <p>S      NS</p> <p>S      NS</p> <p>S      NS</p> <p>S      NS</p> <p>S      NS</p>	

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<p>9. The facility has an up to date emergency operations plan as per their regulatory requirements and Leaders demonstrate use of the plan immediately following an earthquake.</p>	<p>Staff demonstrate ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quickly locate facility emergency preparedness policies, procedures</li> <li>• Verify the date the emergency preparedness policies and procedures were last updated</li> <li>• Identify whether the current emergency preparedness policies and procedures are inclusive of the current disaster that is happening</li> <li>• Stand up Incident Command and establish Incident Coordination Team</li> </ul>	<p>(Circle)</p> <p>S      NS</p> <p>S      NS</p> <p>S      NS</p> <p>S      NS</p>	

Notes on Strengths (things to keep doing)

Notes on Areas for Improvement (What could be done better)