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~~(iii) Conduct a paper-based, tabletop exercise at least annually. A tabletop exercise is a group discussion led by a facilitator, using a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan.~~

~~(iv) Analyze the HHA's response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and emergency events, and revise the HHA's emergency plan, as needed.~~

PART 485—CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION: SPECIALIZED PROVIDERS

■ 25. The authority citation for part 485 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 1102 and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302 and 1395(hh)).

§ 485.64 [Removed]

■ 26. Remove § 485.64.

■ 27. Add § 485.68 to subpart B to read as follows:

§ 485.68 Condition of participation: Emergency preparedness.

The Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) must comply with all applicable Federal and State emergency preparedness requirements. The CORF must establish and maintain an emergency preparedness program that meets the requirements of this section. The emergency preparedness program must include, but not be limited to, the following elements:

(a) *Emergency plan.* The CORF must develop and maintain an emergency preparedness plan that must be reviewed and updated at least annually. The plan must:

(1) Be based on and include a documented, facility-based and community-based risk assessment, utilizing an all-hazards approach;

(2) Include strategies for addressing emergency events identified by the risk assessment;

(3) Address patient population, including, but not limited to, the type of services the CORF has the ability to provide in an emergency; and continuity of operations, including delegations of authority and succession plans.

(4) Include a process for ensuring cooperation and collaboration with local, tribal, regional, State, and Federal emergency preparedness officials'

efforts to ensure an integrated response during a disaster or emergency situation, including documentation of the CORF's efforts to contact such officials and, when applicable, of its participation in collaborative and cooperative planning efforts;

(5) Be developed and maintained with assistance from fire, safety, and other appropriate experts.

(b) *Policies and procedures.* The CORF 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. At a minimum, the policies and procedures must address the following:

(1) Safe evacuation from the CORF, which includes staff responsibilities, and needs of the patients.

(2) A means to shelter in place for patients, staff, and volunteers who remain in the facility.

(3) A system of medical documentation that preserves patient information, protects confidentiality of patient information, and ensures records are secure and readily available.

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

(c) *Communication plan.* The CORF must develop and maintain an emergency preparedness communication plan that complies with both Federal and State law and must be reviewed and updated at least annually. The communication plan must include all of the following:

(1) Names and contact information for the following:

(i) Staff.

(ii) Entities providing services under arrangement.

(iii) Patients' physicians.

(iv) Other CORFs.

(v) Volunteers.

(2) Contact information for the following:

(i) Federal, State, tribal, regional and local emergency preparedness staff.

(ii) Other sources of assistance.

(3) Primary and alternate means for communicating with the CORF's staff, Federal, State, tribal, regional, and local emergency management agencies.

(4) A method for sharing information and medical documentation for patients under the CORF's care, as necessary,

with other health care providers to ensure continuity of care.

(5) A means of providing information about the CORF's needs, and its ability to provide assistance, to the authority having jurisdiction or the Incident Command Center, or designee.

(d) *Training and testing.* The CORF must develop and maintain an emergency preparedness training and testing program that must be reviewed and updated at least annually.

(1) *Training program.* The CORF must do all of the following:

(i) Provide initial training in emergency preparedness policies and procedures to all new and existing staff, individuals providing services under arrangement, and volunteers, consistent with their expected roles.

(ii) Provide emergency preparedness training at least annually.

(iii) Maintain documentation of the training.

(iv) The CORF must ensure that staff can demonstrate knowledge of emergency procedures. All new personnel must be oriented and assigned specific responsibilities regarding the CORF's emergency plan within two weeks of their first workday. The training program must include instruction in the location and use of alarm systems and signals and fire fighting equipment.

(2) *Testing.* The CORF must conduct drills and exercises to test the emergency plan. The CORF must do the following:

(i) Participate in a community mock disaster drill at least annually. If a community mock disaster drill is not available, conduct an individual, facility-based mock disaster drill at least annually.

(ii) If the CORF experiences an actual natural or man-made emergency that requires activation of the emergency plan, the CORF is exempt from engaging in a community or individual, facility-based mock disaster drill for 1 year following the onset of the actual event.

(iii) Conduct a paper-based, tabletop exercise at least annually. A tabletop exercise is a group discussion led by a facilitator, using a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan.

(iv) Analyze the CORF's response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and emergency events, and revise the CORF's emergency plan, as needed.