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Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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E 039	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>a facilitator and includes a group discussion using a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan.</p> <p>(iii) Analyze the [facility's] response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and emergency events, and revise the [facility's] emergency plan, as needed.</p> <p>*[For Hospices at 418.113(d):]</p> <p>(2) Testing for hospices that provide care in the patient's home. The hospice must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan at least annually. The hospice must do the following:</p> <p>(i) Participate in a full-scale exercise that is community based every 2 years; or</p> <p>(A) When a community based exercise is not accessible, conduct an individual facility based functional exercise every 2 years; or</p> <p>(B) If the hospice experiences a natural or man-made emergency that requires activation of the emergency plan, the hospital is exempt from engaging in its next required full scale community-based exercise or individual facility-based functional exercise following the onset of the emergency event.</p> <p>(ii) Conduct an additional exercise every 2 years, opposite the year the full-scale or functional exercise under paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section is conducted, that may include, but is not limited to the following:</p> <p>(A) A second full-scale exercise that is community-based or a facility based functional exercise; or</p> <p>(B) A mock disaster drill; or</p> <p>(C) A tabletop exercise or workshop that is led by a facilitator and includes a group discussion using</p>	E 039			

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E 039	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan.</p> <p>(3) Testing for hospices that provide inpatient care directly. The hospice must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan twice per year. The hospice must do the following:</p> <p>(i) Participate in an annual full-scale exercise that is community-based; or</p> <p>(A) When a community-based exercise is not accessible, conduct an annual individual facility-based functional exercise; or</p> <p>(B) If the hospice experiences a natural or man-made emergency that requires activation of the emergency plan, the hospice is exempt from engaging in its next required full-scale community based or facility-based functional exercise following the onset of the emergency event.</p> <p>(ii) Conduct an additional annual exercise that may include, but is not limited to the following:</p> <p>(A) A second full-scale exercise that is community-based or a facility based functional exercise; or</p> <p>(B) A mock disaster drill; or</p> <p>(C) A tabletop exercise or workshop led by a facilitator that includes a group discussion using a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan.</p> <p>(iii) Analyze the hospice's response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and emergency events and revise the hospice's emergency plan, as needed.</p>	E 039			

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E 039	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>*[For PRFTs at §441.184(d), Hospitals at §482.15(d), CAHs at §485.625(d):]</p> <p>(2) Testing. The [PRTF, Hospital, CAH] must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan twice per year. The [PRTF, Hospital, CAH] must do the following:</p> <p>(i) Participate in an annual full-scale exercise that is community-based; or</p> <p>(A) When a community-based exercise is not accessible, conduct an annual individual, facility-based functional exercise; or</p> <p>(B) If the [PRTF, Hospital, CAH] experiences an actual natural or man-made emergency that requires activation of the emergency plan, the [facility] is exempt from engaging in its next required full-scale community based or individual, facility-based functional exercise following the onset of the emergency event.</p> <p>(ii) Conduct an [additional] annual exercise or and that may include, but is not limited to the following:</p> <p>(A) A second full-scale exercise that is community-based or individual, a facility-based functional exercise; or</p> <p>(B) A mock disaster drill; or</p> <p>(C) A tabletop exercise or workshop that is led by a facilitator and includes a group discussion, using a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan.</p> <p>(iii) Analyze the [facility's] response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and emergency events and revise the [facility's] emergency plan, as needed.</p> <p>*[For PACE at §460.84(d):]</p>	E 039			

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E 039	Continued From page 4 (2) Testing. The PACE organization must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan at least annually. The PACE organization must do the following: (i) Participate in an annual full-scale exercise that is community-based; or (A) When a community-based exercise is not accessible, conduct an annual individual, facility-based functional exercise; or (B) If the PACE experiences an actual natural or man-made emergency that requires activation of the emergency plan, the PACE is exempt from engaging in its next required full-scale community based or individual, facility-based functional exercise following the onset of the emergency event. (ii) Conduct an additional exercise every 2 years opposite the year the full-scale or functional exercise under paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section is conducted that may include, but is not limited to the following: (A) A second full-scale exercise that is community-based or individual, a facility based functional exercise; or (B) A mock disaster drill; or (C) A tabletop exercise or workshop that is led by a facilitator and includes a group discussion, using a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan. (iii) Analyze the PACE's response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and emergency events and revise the PACE's emergency plan, as needed. *[For LTC Facilities at §483.73(d):] (2) The [LTC facility] must conduct exercises to	E 039			

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E 039	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>test the emergency plan at least twice per year, including unannounced staff drills using the emergency procedures. The [LTC facility, ICF/IID] must do the following:</p> <p>(i) Participate in an annual full-scale exercise that is community-based; or</p> <p>(A) When a community-based exercise is not accessible, conduct an annual individual, facility-based functional exercise.</p> <p>(B) If the [LTC facility] facility experiences an actual natural or man-made emergency that requires activation of the emergency plan, the LTC facility is exempt from engaging its next required a full-scale community-based or individual, facility-based functional exercise following the onset of the emergency event.</p> <p>(ii) Conduct an additional annual exercise that may include, but is not limited to the following:</p> <p>(A) A second full-scale exercise that is community-based or an individual, facility based functional exercise; or</p> <p>(B) A mock disaster drill; or</p> <p>(C) A tabletop exercise or workshop that is led by a facilitator includes a group discussion, using a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan.</p> <p>(iii) Analyze the [LTC facility] facility's response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and emergency events, and revise the [LTC facility] facility's emergency plan, as needed.</p> <p>*[For ICF/IIDs at §483.475(d)]:</p> <p>(2) Testing. The ICF/IID must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan at least twice per year. The ICF/IID must do the following:</p> <p>(i) Participate in an annual full-scale exercise that</p>	E 039			

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E 039	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>is community-based; or</p> <p>(A) When a community-based exercise is not accessible, conduct an annual individual, facility-based functional exercise; or.</p> <p>(B) If the ICF/IID experiences an actual natural or man-made emergency that requires activation of the emergency plan, the ICF/IID is exempt from engaging in its next required full-scale community-based or individual, facility-based functional exercise following the onset of the emergency event.</p> <p>(ii) Conduct an additional annual exercise that may include, but is not limited to the following:</p> <p>(A) A second full-scale exercise that is community-based or an individual, facility-based functional exercise; or</p> <p>(B) A mock disaster drill; or</p> <p>(C) A tabletop exercise or workshop that is led by a facilitator and includes a group discussion, using a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan.</p> <p>(iii) Analyze the ICF/IID's response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and emergency events, and revise the ICF/IID's emergency plan, as needed.</p> <p>*[For HHAs at §484.102]</p> <p>(d)(2) Testing. The HHA must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan at least annually. The HHA must do the following:</p> <p>(i) Participate in a full-scale exercise that is community-based; or</p> <p>(A) When a community-based exercise is not accessible, conduct an annual individual, facility-based functional exercise every 2 years; or.</p>	E 039			

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E 039	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>(B) If the HHA experiences an actual natural or man-made emergency that requires activation of the emergency plan, the HHA is exempt from engaging in its next required full-scale community-based or individual, facility based functional exercise following the onset of the emergency event.</p> <p>(ii) Conduct an additional exercise every 2 years, opposite the year the full-scale or functional exercise under paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section is conducted, that may include, but is not limited to the following:</p> <p>(A) A second full-scale exercise that is community-based or an individual, facility-based functional exercise; or</p> <p>(B) A mock disaster drill; or</p> <p>(C) A tabletop exercise or workshop that is led by a facilitator and includes a group discussion, using a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan.</p> <p>(iii) 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.</p> <p>*[For OPOs at §486.360]</p> <p>(d)(2) Testing. The OPO must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan. The OPO must do the following:</p> <p>(i) Conduct a paper-based, tabletop exercise or workshop at least annually. A tabletop exercise is led by a facilitator and includes a group discussion, using a narrated, clinically relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared</p>	E 039			

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E 039	<p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>questions designed to challenge an emergency plan. If the OPO experiences an actual natural or man-made emergency that requires activation of the emergency plan, the OPO is exempt from engaging in its next required testing exercise following the onset of the emergency event.</p> <p>(ii) Analyze the OPO's response to and maintain documentation of all tabletop exercises, and emergency events, and revise the [RNHCI's and OPO's] emergency plan, as needed.</p> <p>*[RNCHIs at §403.748]:</p> <p>(d)(2) Testing. The RNHCI must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan. The RNHCI must do the following:</p> <p>(i) 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.</p> <p>(ii) Analyze the RNHCI's response to and maintain documentation of all tabletop exercises, and emergency events, and revise the RNHCI's emergency plan, as needed.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to conduct biennial testing of the facility's Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP). The finding is:</p> <p>Review of the facility's EPP at Roan, Big Laurel, Snowbird, and Spring Creek on 6/17/24 revealed no evidence of a full-scale community and/or facility-based exercise.</p> <p>Interview with the site director on 6/18/24 confirmed the facility has not conducted a</p>	E 039			

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W 340	NURSING SERVICES CFR(s): 483.460(c)(5)(i) Nursing services must include implementing with other members of the interdisciplinary team, appropriate protective and preventive health measures that include, but are not limited to training clients and staff as needed in appropriate health and hygiene methods. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations and interviews, interdisciplinary team failed to ensure staff were adequately trained to perform appropriate health and hygiene methods for 3 clients (#5, #6, and #7) relative to glove use during client care. The finding is: Observations at the group home on 6/17/24 from 5:08 PM to 5:11 PM revealed staff A to apply sunscreen to client #6's arm, client #5's neck, arms and legs, and client #7's neck and arms while wearing a single pair of vinyl gloves. At no time during the observations was staff A observed to change her vinyl gloves. Interview on 6/18/24 with the Director of Nursing (DON) verified that staff should change gloves and clean hands while performing different tasks and during individual client care. Continued interview with DON confirmed staff did not follow proper procedures with glove use.	W 340			
W 369	DRUG ADMINISTRATION CFR(s): 483.460(k)(2) The system for drug administration must assure that all drugs, including those that are	W 369			

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W 369	<p>Continued From page 10</p> <p>self-administered, are administered without error. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure that all drugs, including those that are self-administered, were administered without error for 1 of 6 clients (#3). The finding is:</p> <p>Observation in the group home on 6/18/24 at 7:42 AM revealed client #3 to enter the medication room with staff B for medication administration. Continued observation revealed client #3 to receive the following medications: Loratadine 10 mg - 1 tablet, Myrbetriq ER 50 mg - 1 tablet, Carbamazepine 200 mg - 1 tablet, Senna 8.6 mg - 1 tablet, Tamsulosine .4 mg - 1 capsule, Losartan K 50 mg - 1 tablet, ACT Anticavity rinse, Artificial Tears eye drops, Flonase 50 mcg nasal spray.</p> <p>Review of client #3's record on 6/18/24 revealed physician orders signed 5/16/24 which indicated client #3's morning medications to include Loratadine 10 mg - 1 tablet, Myrbetriq ER 50 mg - 1 tablet, Carbamazepine 200 mg - 1 tablet, Senna 8.6 mg - 1 tablet, Tamsulosine .4 mg - 1 capsule, Losartan K 50 mg - 1 tablet, ACT Anticavity rinse, Artificial Tears eye drops, Flonase 50 mcg nasal spray and Olopatadine .2% eye drops.</p> <p>Interview with the nursing supervisor on 6/18/24 verified client #3's physician orders to be current. Interview with the qualified intellectual disabilities professional (QIDP) on 6/18/24 confirmed that client #3 did not receive the Olopatadine eye drops and that he should have received those drops during the medication pass.</p>	W 369			

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W 474 W 474	Continued From page 11 MEAL SERVICES CFR(s): 483.480(b)(2)(iii) Food must be served in a form consistent with the developmental level of the client. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations, record review, and interviews, the facility failed to serve food in a form consistent with the developmental level of 1 sampled client (#4) at Spring Creek relative to prescribed diet. The finding is: Observations in the group home on 6/17/24 at 6:27 PM revealed the dinner meal to include mash potatoes, collard greens, meatloaf with gravy, apple sauce, milk, juice, and coffee. Continued observation at 6:33 PM revealed client #4's meatloaf to be consumed in a chopped consistency with peppers and onions that were an inch in size inside the meatloaf. Further observation at 6:38 PM revealed client #4 to be served apple sauce in a scoop bowl. At no point during the dinner meal were staff observed to provide client #4's meatloaf in a pureed consistency. Observations in the group home on 6/18/24 at 7:09 AM revealed the breakfast meal to include waffles with syrup, sausage, fruit, milk, and prune juice. Continued observations at 7:10 AM revealed staff to provide client #4's breakfast meal in a chopped consistency. Further observations revealed client #4 consumed the entire breakfast meal. At no point during the dinner meal were staff observed to provide client #4's sausage as prescribed. Review of client #4's record on 6/18/24 revealed a nutritional assessment dated 10/1/23 for client	W 474 W 474			

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W 474	<p>Continued From page 12</p> <p>#4's diet to be limited regular diet, chopped with pureed meats, prune juice twice a day, monitoring rate of eating and choking episodes. Continued review of records revealed a physician's orders dated 5/16/24 for client #4 to be prescribed a limited regular diet, chopped food, pureed meats, no sausage, and prune juice twice daily.</p> <p>Interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 6/18/24 confirmed client #4's prescribed diet. Further interview with the DON confirmed that staff should follow specially modified diets as prescribed.</p>	W 474			