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E 039	EP Testing Requirements CFR(s): 483.475(d)(2) §416.54(d)(2), §418.113(d)(2), §441.184(d)(2), §460.84(d)(2), §482.15(d)(2), §483.73(d)(2), §483.475(d)(2), §484.102(d)(2), §485.68(d)(2), §485.542(d)(2), §485.625(d)(2), §485.727(d)(2), §485.920(d)(2), §491.12(d)(2), §494.62(d)(2). *[For ASCs at §416.54, CORFs at §485.68, REHs at §485.542, OPO, "Organizations" under §485.727, CMHCs at §485.920, RHCs/FQHCs at §491.12, and ESRD Facilities at §494.62]: (2) Testing. The [facility] must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan annually. The [facility] must do all of the following: (i) Participate in a full-scale exercise that is community-based every 2 years; or (A) When a community-based exercise is not accessible, conduct a facility-based functional exercise every 2 years; or (B) If the [facility] 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 community-based or individual, facility-based functional exercise following the onset of the actual event. (ii) Conduct an additional exercise at least 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, facility-based functional exercise; or (B) A mock disaster drill; or (C) A tabletop exercise or workshop that is led by	E 039		

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E 039	Continued From page 1 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 [facility's] response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and emergency events, and revise the [facility's] emergency plan, as needed. *[For Hospices at 418.113(d):] (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: (i) Participate in a full-scale exercise that is community based every 2 years; or (A) When a community based exercise is not accessible, conduct an individual facility based functional exercise every 2 years; or (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. (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 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	E 039		

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a narrated, clinically-relevant emergency scenario, and a set of problem statements, directed messages, or prepared questions designed to challenge an emergency plan.

(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:
(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 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.
(ii) Conduct an additional annual exercise that may include, but is not limited to the following:
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(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.
(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.

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E 039	Continued From page 3 *[For PRFTs at §441.184(d), Hospitals at §482.15(d), CAHs at §485.625(d):] (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: (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 [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. (ii) Conduct an [additional] annual exercise or and 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 [facility's] response to and maintain documentation of all drills, tabletop exercises, and emergency events and revise the [facility's] emergency plan, as needed. *[For PACE at §460.84(d):]	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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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:
(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.
(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.
(ii) Conduct an additional annual exercise that may include, but is not limited to the following:
(A) A second full-scale exercise that is community-based or an individual, facility based functional exercise; or
(B) A mock disaster drill; or
(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.
(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.

*[For ICF/IIDs at §483.475(d)]:
(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:
(i) Participate in an annual full-scale exercise that

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E 039	Continued From page 6 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 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. (ii) Conduct an additional annual exercise that may include, but is not limited to the following: (A) A second full-scale exercise that is community-based or an individual, 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 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. *[For HHAs at §484.102] (d)(2) Testing. The HHA must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan at least annually. The HHA must do the following: (i) Participate in a 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 every 2 years; or.	E 039		

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(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.
(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:
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(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.

*[For OPOs at §486.360]
(d)(2) Testing. The OPO must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan. The OPO must do the following:
(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

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E 039	Continued From page 8 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. (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. *[RNCHIs at §403.748]: (d)(2) Testing. The RNHCI must conduct exercises to test the emergency plan. The RNHCI must do the following: (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. (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. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on document review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure a full scale community/facility-based exercise, mock drill or tabletop exercise to test their Emergency Preparedness (EP) plan was conducted. The finding is: Review on 11/12/24 the facility's EP plan (dated 2024) did not include a full scale community/facility-based exercise, mock drill or tabletop exercise. Additional review of documents noted a discussion of each	E 039		

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E 039	Continued From page 9 emergency plan hazard had been conducted on 3/13/24. However, the document did not include any specific emergency scenarios, problem statements, directed messages or prepared questions designed to challenge their emergency plan. Interview on 11/13//24 with the Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP) confirmed all of their emergency plan hazards were reviewed/discussed in March 2024 and staff conduct regular fire/disaster drills. However, no facility exercise to test the EP plan was available for review.	E 039		
W 247	INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM PLAN CFR(s): 483.440(c)(6)(vi) The individual program plan must include opportunities for client choice and self-management. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations, record review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure client #6 was provided opportunities for choice and self-management. This affected 1 of 5 audit clients. The finding is: Observation on 11/12/24 and 11/13/24 revealed client #6 assisting to blend her own food in the kitchen prior to eating her meals. All food was blended together at once time, excluding dessert items. During lunch observations on 11/12/24 at the day program, client #6 was served and consumed spaghetti, tossed salad, and crackers pureed together and moistened with milk, with salad dressing added to the top of the pureed mixture. During dinner observations at the home, she was served and consumed baked chicken,	W 247		

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mashed potatoes, and collard greens pureed together with milk in the blender. On 11/13/24 during breakfast observations, she was served and consumed cereal and peanut butter toast pureed together with milk. No food was served separately after pureeing.

Review on 11/12/24 of client #6's individual program plan (IPP), dated 5/7/24, revealed a prescribed regular diet with no added sugar. Her food texture should be finely chopped but has changed a couple of times over the year due to her tenancy to eat or not eat, depending on consistency. Food should be no larger than 1/4" pieces, but may be modified further per her preference to include pureed if desired. Foods should be moistened, and she may have seconds. Gassy foods should be avoided.

Interview on 11/13/24 with Staff A revealed staff normally blend client #6's food together and leave her dessert separate. Her food is blended with milk and she "seems" to like it. If the meal is salad, we put it all in the blender and try to put toppings on it to make it taste better.

Interview on 11/13/24 with the Nurse revealed food was often pureed together for client #6 because she has not always wanted her food separately in the past. However, it could be pureed and placed on the plate for her to choose whether to mix or not.

Interview on 11/13/24 with the Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP) revealed staff may mix her food together in the blender because it is faster. However, this could be done separately to offer more choice.

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W 455	INFECTION CONTROL CFR(s): 483.470(I)(1) There must be an active program for the prevention, control, and investigation of infection and communicable diseases. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations and interviews, the facility failed to ensure a sanitary environment was provided to avoid transmission of possible infection and prevent possible cross-contamination. This potentially affected 1 of 5 audit clients (#2) in the home. The finding is: Observations during meals on 11/12/24 and 11/13/24 revealed client #2 consumed food after a peer had reached into her plate with her bare hands. During lunch observation on 11/12/24 at the day program, client #1 grabbed a handful of salad from client #2's plate with her bare hand and began to eat it. Client #1 was redirected and client #2 continued to eat the food. She was not offered fresh, untouched food. During breakfast observation on 11/13/24, client #1 grabbed pieces of peanut butter toast from client #2's plate with her bare hands, put her hands in her mouth, and ate it. Client #1 was redirected, but she then repeated the behavior to once again reach into client #2's plate and grab a second piece of peanut butter toast. Client #1 was redirected, and client #2 continued to eat the food. She was not offered a fresh, untouched piece of toast. Interview on 11/13/24 with the nurse revealed staff should have offered client #2 fresh food. Interview on 11/13/24 with the Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP) revealed staff should discard touched food and	W 455		

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