Background: The CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule for Certified Home Health Agencies is effective November 15, 2016 with the compliance date November 15, 2017. This rule describes an agency’s comprehensive approach to meeting the health, safety, and security needs of the agency, its staff, its patient population, and community prior to, during, and after and emergency or disaster.

Target Audience: Staff, administration, and leadership from NYS Certified Home Health Agencies that are responsible for developing and implementing the CMS Emergency Preparedness Program and for ensuring compliance with the existing State requirements and the new Federal requirements.

Training objectives covered in the recorded Webex session:

1. Highlight the current State Emergency Preparedness Requirements (Regulation and DAL issued 12/1/16)
2. Introduction to the CMS Rule
3. Cover the 4 areas of the CMS Rule and requirements for each specific to CHHAs
   - An emergency plan based on risk assessment incorporates all hazard approach
   - Policies and procedures
   - Communication Plan
   - Training and Testing program
4. Discuss the Department’s surveillance process including the CMS “Survey Procedures” to determine compliance with the federal rule.
5. Discuss the DOH communication system and changes made to the HERDS Home Care Emergency Response Survey to assist agency compliance with reporting requirements
6. Provide resources

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Location of PowerPoint and Training Link on Health Commerce System:

** The webex recording link and PowerPoint is posted on the Health Commerce System. Instructions to find:
Click on Documents by Group, then Click on Long Term Care, then Click on Preparedness, then Click on Training, then Click on “CMS Emergency Preparedness Requirements for CHHAs”