



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Health Standards Section

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**Initial Licensure Process – New Emergency Preparedness Regulations**

As you are aware, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a final rule on September 16, 2016 regarding emergency preparedness requirements for providers and suppliers. This rule affects 17 provider and supplier types eligible for participation in Medicare. Providers affected by this rule are expected to implement the new requirements regarding emergency preparedness and be in full compliance upon application for initial licensure with the Health Standards section.

**Effective March 1, 2018, completion of the License Application-Emergency Preparedness Attestation form and submission with all other required documentation for initial licensure is mandatory.** License applications will not be processed without the completed form. Failure to timely submit all required documentation will be considered submission of an incomplete licensing packet and may result in voluntary termination of the initial license. Attestation forms **MUST** be completed annually thereafter as part of the license renewal process.

Should you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Libby Gonzales, (225) 342-6699 or [Libby.gonzales@la.gov](mailto:Libby.gonzales@la.gov); or Oklynn Broussard, (225) 342-0132 or [Oklynn.Broussard@la.gov](mailto:Oklynn.Broussard@la.gov).

Thank you,

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