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Emergency Preparedness: Attestation Requirements for Certified Providers

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 were required to implement the new requirements regarding emergency preparedness and be in full compliance by November 15, 2017. **Certified providers affected by this rule will now be required to attest to their compliance to these emergency preparedness regulations on an annual basis.**

Providers will receive the certification attestation addendum form via email or regular mail if no email address (or no valid email address) is on file with the Health Standards section. **Providers will have until the last day of the month in which the document is received to complete the form and return it to the designated emergency preparedness program managers.** Failure to return the completed form may result in a condition level deficiency.

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cecile Castello".

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