

Event Name: [EXERCISE] VHASS Communications Drill September 5, 2018 – Medically Vulnerable Populations (Non-Hospital)

Event Type: EXERCISE

Public Health Category: Other

Distribution Category: Release outside of organization as needed

Situation: The Regional Healthcare Coordination Center (RHCC) will be conducting a regional emergency communications drill with all healthcare organizations that serve medically vulnerable populations (Long Term Care, Dialysis, Hospice/Home Health, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, ICF/IID, etc.) from 9AM-12PM on Wednesday, September 5th.

Facility Impacted: Central Region Long Term Care Organization (TEST)

Region(s): Central

Immediate Impact At 9AM on September 5th, the RHCC will create a VHASS Event called “Regional and/or Communications Drill – September 5, 2018” and send a text message alert to all users with an

Required Action: active VHASS alerting profile. Participating organizations will have a 3 hour window to participate in the drill. Completing the communications drill takes approximately 2 minutes.

Background: CMS requires MVP organizations to conduct and exercise their communications plans and resources. The CVHC RHCC provides a regional communications drill as an opportunity for the member organizations to meet these annual CMS requirements.

Discussion: MVP organizations need to establish and maintain a current VHASS account, establish essential and key personnel with individual VHASS accounts to include a verified text alert phone number and engage the regional communications drills, exercises and training opportunities throughout each year.

Recommended Action: Post a message acknowledging the drill in the VHASS Event Log by 12PM on September 5th. Long Term Care and Dialysis Organizations will also need to post an update to their respective VHASS status boards prior to 12 pm on September 5th (Please use the Dialysis job aid / LTC job aid links on the CVHC website if needed).

Action Taken: RHCC will send out a VHASS text alert that the communications drill has begun. Activate the event in VHASS, monitor the VHASS Event Log, advise when the regional communications drill is completed. Follow up with all essential deliverables so member organizations can document participation in these regional communications drills.

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Event Update History

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