Event Name:

Exercise-CVHC June 2024 MVP VHASS Regional Communications Drill

Event Type:

EXERCISE

Public Health Category:

Other

Distribution Category:

Release outside of organization as needed

Situation:

The CVHC 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, Home Health, Hospice, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, ICF//IID, etc.) the first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Facility Impacted:

Other : Other : Central Region Medically Vulnerable Populations

 Active Region(s):

Central

 Former Region(s):

N/A

Immediate Impact   
and/or   
Required Action:

At 9 a.m. today, the CVHC RHCC will create a VHASS Event called " MVP August 2024 VHASS Communication Drill " and send a text alert to all MVP users with an active profile. Participating facilities and 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 document and 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 the year.

Recommended Action:

Log into VHASS and post a message acknowledging the drill in the VHASS Event Log by 12 p.m. today. Dialysis and Long-Term Care organizations will also need to post an update to their respective VHASS Status Boards prior to 12 p.m. today. (Please use the Dialysis job aid/LTC job aid links on the CVHC website if needed).

Action Taken:

CVHC RHCC will send out a VHASS text alert that the communications drill has begun. CVHC RHCC will activate the event in VHASS, monitor the VHASS Event Log, and advise when the communications drill is completed. CVHC will also follow up with all the essential deliverables so member organizations can document participation in the regional communications drill.

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FOR ALERT:

MESSAGE

EXERCISE EXERCISE CVHC August 2024 MVP VHASS Communications Drill. Please open VHASS, update your status boards as necessary, review the exercise and please log all responses.