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# for the Facility Assessment Expansion Federal Staffing Mandate: Preparing

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## Preparing for the Facility Assessment Expansion Federal Staffing Mandate

#### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of Final Rule and Purpose
- Timeline
- Facility Assessment Overview and Use
- Changes
- Next Steps
- Education and Resources





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# Facility Assessment – Final Staffing Mandate Rule

- Federal Rule Strengthening the Facility Assessment Requirement
- Improve the safety of residents
- Comprehensive approach to staffing standards
- Informed staffing plans and decisions
- Focused on meeting the resident's needs



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Assessment – Residents, Representatives, and Family **Direct Care Staff** Medical Director

NEW



Input of Others: Governing Body Behavioral Needs **Evidence Based Residents with** Methods

Facility

## Facility Assessment

#### Evaluate

- Access to electronic medical record (EMR) systems
- Manual acuity-based staffing methods
- Revisiting policies and procedures to align with the new requirements.

#### Develop Staffing Plan

- Recruitment and Retention
- Acuity based
- Change when needed
- Evaluate access to electronic medical record (EMR) systems, manual acuity-based staffing

methods, and revisiting policies and procedures to align with the new requirements



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## FACILITY ASSESSMENT

**Overview and Next Steps** 

## The Final Rule - NEW

- Modifying the requirements
- assessing and documenting Efficient Process for consistently necessary resources and staff
- Ongoing care
- Based on specific needs
- **Competency requirements**



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**Risk Assessment** 



Facility's resources



**Resident Population** 



## Three Components

# Component 1 – Resident Population

The assessment must include:

- The number of residents
- Facility's resident capacity
- Care required (i.e., diagnoses, conditions, disabilities, acuity, etc.)
- Staff competencies
- Physical environmental specifics (equipment, services and the physical plant)
- Ethnic, cultural or religious factors that could affect the care





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## Data Sources





# Component 2 – Facility Resources

**Resources:** 

- Building, structures, vehicles, etc.
- Equipment
- Services (PT, OT, ST, resp. therapy, pharmacy, etc.)
- Staffing to meet the needs of the population
- All types of staff and volunteers and training
- Contracts and other agreements
- Health Information technology resources



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#### Facility Assessment Toolkit





The facility assessment is not to be a "cookle cutter" approach to documenting assessment findings, rather it should reflect the individuality of the facility's specific resident populatio

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- 14 Physical Plant and Equipment
- 15 Health Information Tech

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- 18 Training Plan, Presentation, Post Test



# Infection Risk Assessment Resource

#### IPC Risk Assessment Spreadsheet





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Facility Assessment Summary Worksheet	CMS - Health Coalition By State	Sample Transfer Agreement- CMS	CMS Survey Tool for the E Tags – Post Acute Care	CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule – Website Resources	S&C Emergency Preparedness Checklist	S&C Memo 17- 29 Emergency Preparedness	Item Hazard Vulnerability Assessment
Template for team to use to summary findings and prepare for narrative Facility Assessment inclusion	CMS Resource List Health Coalition - serve as resource for completion of HVA	Sample Transfer Agreement with Emergency Preparedness updates – CMS	This is a cross walk interactive tool which walks through each E Tag and interpretive guidance	CMS Resource list for health care providers	CMS Checklist to assist with the development and implementation of an Emergency Preparedness Plan – also includes Resource Links for provider use	Advanced Copy – Appendix Z Emergency Preparedness Final Rule Interpretive Guidelines and Survey Procedures	Description This template will assir the facility complete their HVA to dentify potential wherefailties. Search local state Emergency Proparedness Website for potential state specific HVA potential state specific HVA
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Data Collection Tools and/or Resources

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## **Overall Intent**

- Assess the needs of its resident population
- Required resources to provide care and services
- Document the rationale for decisions
- Staffing and other resources
- Financial





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## **Regulatory Guidance**

- May be similar to common business practices for strategic and capital budget planning
- An organization's process of defining its strategy or direction and making decisions on allocating resources to pursue its strategy
- Must be conducted at the facility level, including input from various levels





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## Participants

- Required:
- Administrator
- Member of governing body
- Medical Director
- Director of Nursing
- Direct care staff, including but not limited to RNs, LPNs/LVNs, and NAs

- Recommended:
- Environmental Services / Plant Operations
- Department Heads
- Dietary Manager
- Director of Therapy Services
- Direct care staff
- Must solicit and consider input from :
- Residents
- Representatives/families
- Resident/family council
- Representatives of direct care staff

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# Individualized Approach

- Foundation to determine staffing levels and competencies
- Evaluation of overall number of facility staff needed to ensure sufficient numbers of qualified staff are available to meet resident needs
- Policies and procedures
- Competency based approach to determine knowledge and skills well-being the highest practicable physical, functional, mental, and psychosocial required among staff to ensure residents are able to maintain or attain
- **Coordination with Emergency Preparedness**



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# Individualized Approach



- Meet current professional standards of practice
- Ethnic, cultural, or religious factors
- Review of individual staff assignments and systems for coordination and continuity of care



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## Important Provisions

- If a change in service provision occurs
- Example: A facility begins to admit residents who have new tracheostomy or ventilator
- Evaluate the training program to ensure staff have the required skills and competencies to care for these residents
- Review policies and procedures that may be required in the provision of this care
- A minimum of annually



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# Survey Procedure Highlights

- Assessment process
- Reflect the population
- Acuity
- Staffing levels
- Skills and competencies
- Who is involved?
- Determination of resources
- Emergency plan





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## **Related Requirements**

- Freedom from Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation
- Admission, Transfer, and Discharge
- Comprehensive Resident-Centered Care Plan

QAPI

Administration

Sufficient Staff

**Behavioral Health Services** 

Food and Nutrition Services

- Quality of Care
- Nursing Services

Compliance and Ethics

Infection Control

Training Requirements



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## Where do I Begin?



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Facility Assessment Leadership Qu*ick*TIP

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	<ul> <li>Update corresponding policies and procedures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Update and revise per requirement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Determine Annual review data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify monitoring process with team</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrate the Facility Assessment into the facility OAPI process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complete the final narrative Facility Assessment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review initial findings as a team and correlate to operative budget and strate ic clan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Determine key business strategies needed and resources needed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Analyze and determine trends</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Summarize Initial findings on Facility Assessment Worksheets per element</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Verify data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Team members to collect assigned data using data collection tools</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Determine existing and needed data sources per required Facility Assessment element</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complete the Facility Assessment Team Roster</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop a Facility Assessment Policy and Procedure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review the Facility Assessment implementation Guide</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review the Facility Assessment F838 Crosswalk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Read and review the \$483.70(e) Facility Assessment</li> <li>r ruirements and interpretive juidance</li> </ul>	Action
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#### Updated FA Toolkit and New Resources



## Person- Centered Staffing Plan

Analysis and Worksheets

Change of Condition and Impact

Recruitment and Retention of Consistent Staff

Workforce Unavailability and Exemptions

Assessing Residents Needs\*

Leaders Need to Know\*

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#### Updated FA Toolkit and New Resources



Updated data accessibility and new MDS data

Update align with new Emergency preparedness requirements

Update align with new Infection Control requirements

Update competency section

Updated implementation guide

Review of all tools, resources, policies, templates, education templates

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