

## QA Quick Tip

**As a Licensee/Administrator, are you fully prepared for ANY emergency and/or natural disaster?**

On top of the COVID Pandemic, we are now entering into fire and rolling-blackout-power-shutoff season. You can take action now to protect vulnerable consumers: **Contact your regional licensing office immediately if your facility cannot withstand lasting 2-5 days and/or if your facility has residents that depend on electricity such as ventilators, oxygen, refrigerated medications or mobility devices.**

VMRC and Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) reminds providers:

- To review their facility's emergency/disaster plan to ensure the facility is properly prepared and updated. It is vital to develop a plan of action for each emergency situation, i.e. sheltering in place or evacuating if necessary.
- If there is an extended power shutoff to your home or facility, check battery, food, and medication supplies and expiration dates.
- Plan for getting extra supplies, help, or evacuating if necessary.
- **Be aware of any additional precautions you may need to take to adhere to COVID-19 protocols from the state, county, and local health departments.**

As a reminder, Incidents/occurrences such as injuries, illnesses or deaths shall be reported to Community Care Licensing and to VMRC.

### TAKE ACTION NOW

A licensee is required to have emergency and disaster plans. For specific regulations, please refer to the California Code of Regulations Title 22, Section 87212 – Emergency Disaster Plan; Title 22, Section 80020 – Fire Clearance; Title 22, Section 80023 – Disaster and Mass Casualty Plan; and T17, Section 56054 (a)(1) – Substantial Inadequacies.

**Are your disaster and emergency plans current, when considering the closure of numerous buildings and businesses during the Pandemic? UPDATE NOW – before you need them.**

Any significant updates made to your Program Design/Disaster or Emergency Relocation Plans must be submitted to [VendorChangeRequest@vmrc.net](mailto:VendorChangeRequest@vmrc.net) (email) for Regional Center approvals, prior to implementation. For example, if you change the location of your re-location or evacuation site, you will need Regional Center approval.

If you have questions, please contact your QA Liaison. If you do not know who your Liaison is, contact Kioti Fleming at (209) 955-3287 or [Kfleming@vmrc.net](mailto:Kfleming@vmrc.net).