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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH RULEMAKING HEARING FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS LANGUAGE CHANGES

Commission members, we are asking permission to schedule a rulemaking hearing updating the disaster preparedness language across all relevant rule sets. Normally we would submit redlines for your review, but due to the time constraints for the other rule packets comment work, we are proposing a brief overview of what we are seeking to do. Essentially, roughly half of the rule set that this pertains to contain the outdated below language:

All facilities shall participate in the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency local/county emergency plan on an annual basis. Participation includes filling out and submitting a questionnaire on a form to be provided by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. Documentation of participation must be maintained and shall be made available to survey staff as proof of participation.

While the other half have the more current language as evidenced below:

- (a) Emergency Planning with Local Government Authorities.
 - 1. All hospitals shall establish and maintain communications with the county Emergency Management Agency. This includes the provision of the information and procedures that are needed for the local comprehensive emergency plan. The facility shall cooperate, to the extent possible, in area disaster drills and local emergency situations.
 - 2. Each hospital must rehearse both the Physical Facility and Community Emergency plan as required in these regulations, even if the local Emergency Management Agency is unable to participate.
 - 3. A file of documents demonstrating communications and cooperation with the local agency must be maintained.

However, based on recommendation from licensure, number 2. of the above language would be further updated as seen below:

Each (*facility type, i.e hospital*) shall conduct both the physical facility and community emergency drills as required in these regulations, even if the local Emergency Management Agency is unable to participate.

Then the final language including the additional change from licensure would be updated in the below rule sets:

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We believe this to be a complete list, but we will make sure that all rule sets have the appropriate language in our draft. If there are any questions we will be happy to provide further information.