**HCP & HCA Emergency Preparedness Forum for NYC Home Care Providers**

Agencies providing services in New York City are invited to participate in a Home Care Sector Emergency Preparedness Forum to be held virtually on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 10 AM - 12 PM.

The New York State Association of Health Care Providers (HCP) and the Home Care Association of New York State Education and Research (HCA E&R) are holding this Forum as part of a series of activities funded by a grant from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

The Forum will focus on electricity dependence planning by home care and hospice agencies and the emPOWER Program, an Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) tool.

Barbara B. Citarella RN, BSN, MS, CHCE, NHDP-BC, Subject Matter Expert to U.S. Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response ASPR TRACIE, President, RBC Limited Healthcare & Management Consultants will review the regulatory requirements for home care and hospice providers serving this population and provide additional recommendations agencies can include in their emergency planning to meet their needs.

Ms. Citarella will also provide an overview of the emPOWER tool used by local emergency officials and law enforcement and discuss how home care and hospice providers can work with local partners, including local utility companies, and neighborhood responders (e.g., fire departments) to assist patients who are dependent on power for their needs.

Carole Deyoe, Senior Associate of Public Policy, HCP and Andrew Koski, Vice President for Program Policy and Services, HCA will be providing updates on current emergency-related issues, such as FAQs for daily health screenings, face coverings, COVID-19 HERDS surveys, the flu vaccine report, and more.

The Forum gives home care providers in attendance the opportunity to share their comments, questions, or concerns on any Emergency Preparedness issues that their agencies face. Your participation in the open discussion helps prioritize and shape future emergency management programming.

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**Agenda**

**10:00 AM – 10:15 AM: Welcome & Introductions**

* New York State Association of Health Care Providers
* Home Care Association of New York
* Fidelle Munroe, Senior Program Manager, LTC, Bureau of Healthcare and Community Readiness, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**10:15 AM – 10:30 AM: emPOWER Emergency Planning De-Identified Datasets**

* Tamer Hadi, Assistant Commissioner – Bureau of Healthcare and Community Readiness (BHCR)

**10:30 AM – 11:30 AM: Electricity Dependence Planning and the emPOWER Tool**

* Barbara B. Citarella RN, BSN, MS, CHCE, NHDP-BC, Subject Matter Expert to U.S. Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response ASPR TRACIE, President, RBC Limited Healthcare & Management Consultants

**11:30 AM – 11:45 AM: Updates on Current Emergency-related Issues**

* New York State Association of Health Care Providers
* Home Care Association of New York

**11:45 AM – 12:00 PM: Open Discussion**

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* Home Care Association of New York

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