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Q: Some vendors are telling LTC facilities that they need to purchase certain quantities of medically related supplies in order to be in compliance with the new Emergency Preparedness requirements. What supplies and quantities (if any) do LTC facilities need to purchase to be in compliance?

A: The new Emergency Preparedness regulation does not require any specific items and quantities that facilities must have to be in compliance with the rule. It is up to each individual facility to conduct an assessment of its facility’s supply needs during an emergency and make purchases based on its assessment.

Section 300.2080(f) in the State Skilled Nursing and Intermediate Care Facilities code states, “Supplies of staple foods for a minimum of a one week period and of perishable foods for a minimum of a two day period shall be maintained on the premises. These supplies shall be appropriate to meet the requirements of the menu.”