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♦ CMS on Jan. 26 released guidance on rural emergency hospitals (REHs), a new provider type created by the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act. The guidance from the director of CMS's Quality, Safety & Oversight Group comes in the form of a memo to state survey agency directors. [1] "CMS is providing guidance regarding the REH enrollment and conversion process for eligible facilities, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and a newly developed State Operations Manual Appendix (Appendix O) with survey procedures and CoP regulatory text. The interpretive guidance for REHs is pending and will be provided in a future release," the memo stated.

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