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Criminal Charges Filed Against Four Nursing Home Employees Following Hurricane Deaths in Florida

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Charges are expected to be filed against the Administrator of a nursing home and three of its nurses following the deaths of 12 residents of the Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills in Hollywood, Florida in the aftermath of 2017's Hurricane Irma. The charges are anticipated to include manslaughter charges.

On September 10, 2017, Hurricane Irma knocked out the power for this facility, leaving its residents with no air conditioning for several days while sweltering in the oppressive heat. Twelve residents died in these conditions.

The update to the CMS Emergency Preparedness requirements (CMS Final Rule §483.73), effective November 15, 2017, includes requirements for generators, fuel, food and supplies should an emergency situation arise.

If you need assistance in updating your emergency preparedness plan or otherwise preparing for emergency situations, please let us know, and we will be happy to assist you.