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As part of its effort to reduce barriers to health care for rural communities, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released [QSO-23-07-REH: Guidance for Rural Emergency Hospital \(REH\) Provisions, Conversion Process, and Conditions of Participation](#).

Today's release provides guidance regarding the enrollment and conversion process for eligible facilities interested in participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs as an REH. In addition to the QSO memo, CMS issued Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and a newly developed State Operations Manual Appendix (Appendix O) with survey procedures. The interpretive guidance for REHs is pending and will be provided in a future release.