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**NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES**

During a disaster, response agencies and affected healthcare facilities will need to ensure a timely and efficient response. The **National Incident Management System (NIMS)** is a comprehensive, national approach to incident management that is applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across all disciplines. The NIMS is intended to improve coordination and cooperation between public and private entities and provide a common standard for overall incident management.

As a requirement to receive federal preparedness funds, agencies must be NIMS compliant. The Michigan Departments of State Police Emergency Management Homeland Security Division and Community Health Office of Public Health Preparedness recommend that key personnel within the Skilled Nursing Facilities (i.e. Director of Nursing, Administrator, and/or Facility Safety/Maintenance Supervisor) have at a minimum the following National Incident Management System (NIMS) certifications:

- **IS-100HCb ~ Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS 100) for Healthcare/Hospitals** <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100HCb.asp>
- **IS-700 ~ NIMS An Introduction** <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700a.asp>

These courses are available online through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA), Emergency Management Institute Independent Study portal at the links posted above. These courses do not take long to complete and provide a wealth of knowledge related to disaster management concepts. When the course is completed, print and keep the certificate as proof of completion. These courses will assist your facility, when responding to any type of disaster, to better communicate with outside response agencies.

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