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## Florida Kidney Disaster Coalition

### Conditions for Coverage: Patient Education

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*This is the first faxblast in the All Hazards Educational Series II. For the next six weeks, you will receive one new topic each week. It's not too late to turn in your pre-quiz. When the series is complete, remember to complete your post-quiz in order to receive your certificate!*

Chronic outpatient dialysis facilities are licensed through the Medicare program. They are required to fulfill requirements known as the Conditions for Coverage. Some of these Conditions outline what a dialysis facility must do regarding disaster preparedness.

According to these requirements, dialysis facility staff must be able to demonstrate how to inform patients of emergency procedures. This patient education must include educating patients on:

- **What to do** during an emergency or disaster. Patients should be encouraged to make a disaster plan, create a disaster kit, and practice what they would do if a disaster struck.
- **Where to go**, including instructions for occasions when the geographic area of the dialysis facility must be evacuated. Staff should be able to provide information about evacuation, shelters, and transportation if necessary.
- **Whom to contact** if an emergency occurs while the patient is not in the dialysis facility. This contact information must include an alternate emergency phone number for the facility for instances when the dialysis facility is unable to receive phone calls due to an emergency situation (unless the facility has the ability to forward calls to a working phone number under such emergency conditions).
- **How to disconnect themselves from the dialysis machine** if an emergency occurs while at the dialysis facility, such as the "clamp and cut" procedure.

*100% of facilities who returned the pre-quiz got this question right! Great work!*

*If you have not yet completed your pre-quiz, visit [www.fkdc.org](http://www.fkdc.org) to download a copy.*

#### VISION STATEMENT

The Florida Kidney Disaster Coalition is the model disaster planning and readiness organization for kidney patients by collaborating with community partners to ensure timely access to quality care.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To establish and facilitate partnerships that provide a framework for disaster readiness and continuity of care for the renal community.