



DIALYSIS PROVIDER DISASTER "TO DO" LIST

- ❑ Develop relationship with local EOC (*ESF-8 desk*) and determine county policy regarding ESRD patients
- ❑ Develop facility disaster plan and review annually with patients, patient's family & staff
- ❑ Review and update disaster policies / plan especially prior to start of hurricane season
- ❑ Update patient medication list, patient prescriptions and patient emergency contact information regularly
- ❑ Provide patients with the name and phone number of a backup facility as well as a list of all dialysis clinics in surrounding area for use in finding alternative treatment site
- ❑ Provide patients with copy of most recent dialysis orders / copy of last treatment record pre disaster
- ❑ Dialyze patients as close to impending disaster as safety permits
- ❑ Coordinate transportation with local providers and patients in the event of scheduling changes
- ❑ Develop an effective communication plan, as phones may not be operable
- ❑ Post Storm -- notify local EOC if there is a need for restoration of power / water
- ❑ Post Storm – report status of facility to Network 7 (813) 383-1530

"BEST PRACTICES"

- ❑ Allow staff "up-front" time to prepare
- ❑ Consider arranging out-of-area / out-of-state recorded voice message to update patients on facility status
- ❑ Pre-arrange a back-up facility for patients (should be a minimum of 50 miles away)
- ❑ If possible, pre-arrange an emergency generator, fuel and water supply
- ❑ Place supplies and records in waterproof containers
- ❑ Have petty cash supply on hand to assist staff with basic needs: food, clothing, gas & housing

RESOURCES

- ❑ *Emergency Preparedness for Dialysis Facilities (CMS Guide)* in addition to other emergency preparedness information www.fmqai.com/ESRD/esrd.htm
- ❑ Weather Maps and Information www.noaa.gov
- ❑ Emergency preparedness information www.annanurse.org
- ❑ National Kidney Foundation Emergency Hotline (888) 335-4363