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# Florida Kidney Disaster Coalition

## Conditions for Coverage: Staff Education

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**Dialysis facilities must consider the potential for natural disasters and man-made disasters when developing a facility-specific plan.** Some common hazards in Florida include extreme heat, floods, hurricanes, thunderstorms, and tornadoes.

Atlantic Hurricane Seasons begins on **June 1** and ends **November 30**. Floods, thunderstorms, and tornadoes can happen at any time of the year. It is important to be prepared year-round.

Network 7 and FKDC have posted the following training modules to help staff become educated about disaster preparedness:

- All Hazards I: Identifying and Preparing for Potential Emergencies & Disasters
- All Hazards II: Conditions for Coverage & Emergency Preparedness
- Caring for ESRD Patients In Disasters

These free online continuing education courses provide 1.0 continuing education contact hour each. The organization submits to Florida CE Broker, however, these courses are free and available for ANYONE to take and obtain a certificate.

For more information on these courses, visit <http://edu.flqio.org/> and click on "ESRD Courses."

There are other options for free or low-cost education and training courses on disaster planning and emergency management. These are just a few options available. You might also consider contacting your local Red Cross chapter or your state emergency management agency for other options.

#### 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.