



TEEC Texas ESRD Emergency Coalition

MEMO: ADMINISTRATORS & DIRECTORS
FROM: HARVEY SANDERS, RN, ROD, CHAIRMAN OF TEEC
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RE: HURRICANE READINESS

In July and September 2006, you were sent a Disaster Readiness memo to ensure your awareness of the expectations of the ESRD Network AND the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) regarding your facility's disaster readiness and participation in the statewide EMSsystem. This system is highly dedicated upon your participation with the Texas ESRD Emergency Coalition.

There are 145 facilities treating over 13,000 dialysis patients in the coastal areas of Texas and we want to ensure that we are prepared as possible as the Hurricane Season arrives. Facilities that are not in a hurricane area but are on Evacuation Routes should plan for a surge in dialysis treatments that will be required during anytime of evacuation.

Points to remember:

- Most importantly, ensure that your facility is registered in the EMSsystem and updated MONTHLY or more often when changes occur.
- Designate a disaster representative and provide 2 contact persons and 2 mechanisms (ie..cell #, facility #, pager #). **Please ensure to separate the numbers with a comma.**
- Educate patients for disaster readiness. You can find tools on our website.
- Discuss and plan NOW with your staff. A tool to help with this is also located on our website.

Our website www.texasemergenciesrd.org can be linked through www.esrdnetwork.org and click on Disaster Resources.

Thank you for all that you do daily for the ESRD Community.

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Chairman of TEEC