

NETWORK OF NEW ENGLAND

Emergency Preparedness – What the Network Can Do to Help Providers

Education

- Assist facilities in creating a more comprehensive provider emergency plan
* *Be sure to incorporate notification to the Network*
- Provide materials for emergency preparedness for patients and professionals
- Promote use of national websites for resource materials, such as
<http://kcercoalition.com/preparedness.htm>

Local Communications

- Assist providers/facilities in coordinating allocation of resources among providers or placement of patients on temporary basis during local disasters
- Facilitate communications with effected ESRD facilities, Large Dialysis Corporations and appropriate local government agencies
- During a local disaster, respond to patients in identifying dialysis facilities that can provide ESRD services

Major Disaster Coordination

- Assure that Network representatives are available at all times during major disaster situations to provide first responder and resource contact information
- Track and make available to the public open and closed status of the facilities in the effected area through www.Nephron.com
- As directed and/or permitted by CMS, provide information to family members and treating facilities on where a patient previously/currently is receiving services to assist in location of individuals
- Exchange of critical medical information with appropriate agencies or clinics
- Participate in national/regional calls with providers, emergency workers, and other essential persons to ensure timely response and resource deployment
- As appropriate, coordinate activities with providers and other emergency workers (state and national level) to ensure access to dialysis