

## **DIALYSIS PROVIDER DISASTER “TO DO” LIST**

- ❑ Contact Network 1 (203) 387-9332 if your provider is going to be closed (unable to perform in-center dialysis) for more than three days.
- ❑ Develop relationship with local Office of Emergency Management (OEM) 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 OEM if there is a need for restoration of power/water
- ❑ Post Storm – report status of facility to Network 1 (203) 387-9332

## **“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 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 <http://www.networkofnewengland.org/Emerg.htm>
- ❑ Weather Maps and Information [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)
- ❑ Emergency preparedness information [www.annanurse.org](http://www.annanurse.org)
- ❑ Kidney Community Emergency Response Coalition (866) 901-ESRD