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Hurricane Irma and Medicare Disaster Related United States Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and State of Florida Claims MLN Matters Article — New

The President declared a state of emergency for the United States Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and State of Florida and the HHS Secretary declared a Public Health Emergency which allows for CMS programmatic waivers based on Section 1135 of the Social Security Act. An MLN Matters Special Edition Article on [Hurricane Irma and Medicare Disaster Related United States Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and State of Florida Claims](#) is available. Learn about blanket waivers CMS issued for the impacted counties and geographical areas. These waivers will prevent gaps in access to care for beneficiaries impacted by the emergency.

Check the [Hurricanes](#) webpage for current information on temporary emergency policies and waivers. Additional waiver requests are being reviewed, and the webpage will be updated as decisions are made.

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