

Social Media: Building an Unbreakable Safety Net When Emergencies Strike

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Protecting Kidney Patients When Disaster Strikes

When emergencies happen, kidney patients face unique life-threatening challenges. CMS's End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Program is revolutionizing emergency preparedness for dialysis care. Here's how we're building an unbreakable safety net:

- **24/7 Emergency Response** - Through ESRD Kidney Health Analytics & Responsive Emergency Support (KHARES) help is always available when patients need it most
- **Government Emergency Telephone System (GETS) cards** - Ensuring seamless communication during crises when traditional phone systems fail
- **Real-time Patient Tracking** - Accurate census data so emergency responders know exactly where patients are and what care they need
- **Annual Emergency Exercises** - Battle-tested response capabilities that are ready to perform flawlessly when real disasters occur
- **Comprehensive Coordination** - Working with regional, state, and local officials to protect vulnerable patients

For kidney patients and their families, this means peace of mind that life-sustaining dialysis treatments will continue uninterrupted —no matter what challenges arise.

Because when disaster strikes, kidney patients should never face it alone.

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Building an Unbreakable Safety Net for Kidney Patients

When disaster strikes, dialysis can't wait. CMS's End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Program ensures kidney patients receive uninterrupted care —even during the most challenging emergencies.

24/7 emergency response coordination

Real-time patient tracking

Battle-tested disaster planning

Seamless crisis communication

Because life-sustaining care should never stop.

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End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Networks Lead Emergency Preparedness in Kidney Care

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is establishing comprehensive emergency preparedness protocols through the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network to ensure uninterrupted care for kidney patients during disasters.

Key Program Components:

- **24/7 Response Coordination:** The ESRD Kidney Health Analytics & Responsive Emergency Support (KHARES) task order provides round-the-clock emergency response support
- **Advanced Communication Infrastructure:** Networks receive Government Emergency Telephone System (GETS) cards, enabling reliable communication when traditional systems are compromised
- **Real-Time Data Management:** Accurate patient census data through [CMS ESRD Forms](#) (2744 A/B, 2746, and 2728) ensures emergency responders have complete situational awareness
- **Rigorous Preparedness Testing:** Annual emergency exercises validate and refine response capabilities before real emergencies occur
- **Integrated Coordination:** Collaboration with regional, state, and local officials, plus integration with Veterans Health Administration facilities, creates a comprehensive emergency response network

This framework represents a significant advancement in healthcare resilience, ensuring that vulnerable kidney patients receive life-sustaining dialysis treatments regardless of natural disasters, pandemics, or other emergencies.

For healthcare administrators, emergency planners, and policy professionals, this model demonstrates how systematic preparedness can protect our most vulnerable patient populations.

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Dialysis can't wait during disasters. CMS's ESRD Network Program delivers 24/7 emergency response with real-time tracking, crisis communication & coordinated planning. Life-sustaining care continues, always.

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