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Tabletop Exercises Help Dialysis Facilities Complete CMS Emergency Preparedness Final Rule Requirement



The KCER website has documents to help dialysis facilities complete a facility-based tabletop exercise to satisfy part of the exercise requirement that is part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Emergency Preparedness Final Rule. A tabletop exercise is a group discussion led by a facilitator reviewing each step in an emergency scenario to challenge an emergency plan. Click on the link below to review the documents.

Read More: <https://bit.ly/2LbjnCN>

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Hurricane Preparedness: Be Ready Before the Storm

The Atlantic hurricane season is underway. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issues a hurricane season forecast each spring, and its forecast for the 2018 season shows a 75 percent chance that this year's storm activity will be at normal or above normal levels. The peak of the season is from mid-August to late October. However, deadly hurricanes can occur anytime in the hurricane season. Review the information in the link below to see how you can take steps now to prepare.



Read More: <https://bit.ly/23IHCvs>

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Tips on How to Prepare for a Wildfire



This summer, wildfires across the western portions of the U.S. have destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to seek safety away from their communities. Nearly 45 million homes touch or intermingle with wildlands and more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property—and their neighborhood—much safer from wildfire. Click on the link below to prepare you, your family, and your home for a possible wildfire.

Read More: <https://bit.ly/2921ByS>

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Helping Meet the Needs of Patients Who Rely on Durable Medical Equipment When Disaster Strikes



When durable medical equipment (DME) is lost, destroyed, or damaged to the extent that it can't be used anymore due to an emergency, Medicare may pay for its replacement. Examples of DME include: home oxygen equipment, diabetes testing supplies, wheelchairs, canes, walkers, artificial limbs, braces, and enteral nutrients and supplies. The link below can help healthcare providers plan for medically vulnerable patients who rely on DME.

Read More: <https://go.cms.gov/2Nm0wFs>

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Meeting the Unique Needs of Responders Who Answer the Call for Help

In the event of a manmade or natural disaster, first responders are called upon to react to emergencies, protect the public, and ease further disaster consequences. The stresses of responding to emergencies can be challenging, especially if the responders have been personally impacted by the event. Stress prevention and management is critical for responders to stay well and to continue to help in the situation. There are important steps responders should take before, during, and after an event.

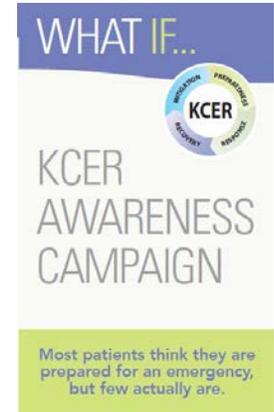
Read More: <https://bit.ly/2AwJ1N4>

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KCER's 'What If' Emergency Preparedness Campaign Helps Get Patients Ready for Emergencies

Dialysis facilities looking for a fun activity to engage patients in emergency preparedness can use the *What If... KCER Awareness Campaign*. This campaign includes posters, fact sheets, and checklists to help patients and professionals take the first steps to being better prepared in the event of an emergency. The campaign materials are available in English and Spanish.

Read More: <https://bit.ly/2KRL6fp>



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