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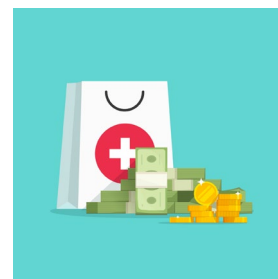
### Creating an Emergency Financial Aid Kit



When disaster strikes, most people don't have much time to react. In those critical moments, your focus is on the safety of you and your family. Once the danger passes, however, it's critical to have essential documents on hand to start the recovery process. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has put together an Emergency Financial First Aid Kit to help you prepare for the financial impact of a disaster.

**Read More:** <https://bit.ly/2Pcvwtl>

### There's a Grant for That!



The End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) National Coordinating Center (NCC) launched a new webpage to help patients and families find grants to support education, advocacy, or special projects. It's called the Patient Grant Library. The webpage also has grant and scholarship information for patients and families looking for financial assistance to help recover from natural disasters. Visit the ESRD NCC Patient Grant Library by clicking on the link below.

**Read more:** <https://bit.ly/2FQIJFI>

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### KCER Patient Volunteers Help Educate Community on Being Prepared for Emergencies

Patient volunteers are an essential and important part of the KCER Program. KCER volunteers provide input into KCER activities through phone calls and emails, develop and review educational materials, and promote patient and family involvement in emergency and disaster preparedness planning. Volunteer, Precious McCowan, recently participated in the National Kidney Foundation Dallas Kidney Social Summit. She shared KCER emergency preparedness resources, including the Emergency Disconnect Procedure for In-Center Hemodialysis Patients. The one-page instruction sheet shows in-center hemodialysis patients how to disconnect from dialysis in three steps in an emergency. Click on the link below to download your copy.

**Read More:** <https://bit.ly/2PEjo3h>

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### Preparing and Protecting You and Your Family from Wildfires

Every year, wildfires burn across the United States, and more and more people are living where wildfires are a risk. A critical part of being wildfire-ready is having an emergency preparedness plan in place before a wildfire becomes an active threat. The tips in the link below can help you assess your risk and identify ways to protect you and your family from a wildfire.

**Read More:** <https://bit.ly/2lZ4XrJ>



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### Medication Support for Patients Impacted by Disasters

During an emergency, vital medicines are often damaged or lost. Patients who go without their medicine may eventually end up in the emergency room (ER). The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP) tries to help patients avoid the ER. The program allows uninsured patients who have been impacted by a federally-declared disaster to receive up to a 30-day refill of their prescriptions, vaccines, and durable medical equipment at no cost. The EPAP helps ensure patients get the medicines they need when they need them. Learn more about EPAP by clicking on the link below.

**Read More:** <https://bit.ly/2Q4dCNq>



## Early Hurricane Predictions Call for Fewer Storms in 2019

The 2019 Hurricane Season is two months away, but storm predictors are already saying there will be fewer storms than the 2018 hurricane season. Colorado State University's hurricane research team predicts there will be a total of 13 named storms. According to researchers, the number of storms is close to normal, but the intensity of storms is forecast to be slightly below average. Visit the KCER website by clicking on the link below for resources to help you develop your hurricane preparedness plan.



**Read More:** <https://bit.ly/2vk3weV>

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