

# ESRD NETWORK 13

Serving Arkansas, Louisiana & Oklahoma Renal Communities



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TO: Louisiana Dialysis and Transplant Providers (Southern Louisiana)  
(Medical Directors, Nurse Managers, and Administrators)

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Subject: **Disaster Preparedness (TROPICAL STORM / HURRICANE)**

There appears to be a strong likelihood that a tropical storm/hurricane will impact on portions of southern Louisiana in the next 5 days. We recognize that any projection is just that, 'a projection', but we are requesting that all dialysis care providers visit their disaster plans and implement precautions accordingly. If you are already working with patients on transient services, please recommend folks head NORTH and away from the Gulf Coast region as opposed to east or west. With this memo, we are providing a press release in regards to Louisiana Medical Special Needs Shelters for your information.

Please make sure that all patients have the appropriate medical records in their possession to assist in any emergency dialysis as needed, as well as your facility's specific instructions as to renal diet and fluid restrictions. Also please recognize that if your back-up facility is in your immediate area, it MAY OR MAY NOT be available to assist with your needs.

The Network has updated our Web site ([www.network13.org](http://www.network13.org)) and placed priority information on the home page for ease in obtaining items. We have also provided links for additional information via Louisiana newspapers to assist in obtaining local notices (e.g., transportation, shelters, etc.). **WE WILL BE PLACING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATED INFORMATION ON OUR WEB SITE, SO PLEASE VISIT AS NEEDED.** If you have announcements that your organization would like placed on the Network Web site (i.e., toll-free numbers, Web sites), just call or email. Every effort will be made to assist in communications. Remember to utilize the information in your recently distributed Network 13 disaster preparedness materials as necessary. Again, we don't wish to alarm anyone, but everyone must be prepared to act sooner rather than later for the folks who are dependent upon life-saving health care services and their families.

## Network 13 Disaster Preparedness Toll Free Phone Numbers

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