



Heartland Kidney Network

Alert for the week of 12/10/07

ICE STORM/WINTER STORM WARNING

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The National Weather Service has issued an Ice Storm Warning and Winter Storm Warning for much of the Midwest. The Network recommends you activate your disaster plan and communicate those details with your patients to ensure their safety and wellbeing during this event.

Disasters can occur with little or no notice and cause major disruption to life-sustaining dialysis and transplant services for individuals with kidney failure. ESRD facilities throughout the region should be prepared at all times to activate emergency plans. Medicare ESRD Program Conditions for Coverage require that facilities:

- ✓ Have written disaster policies and procedures in place
- ✓ Train all personnel in their role in emergencies
- ✓ Fully inform patients
 - Where to go
 - What to do
 - Who to contact

Your Facility Phone #: _____
You Back-up Facility Phone # and Address: _____

DaVita – 1-800-400-8331
Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI Corporate Office) – 1-615-327-3061
Fresenius Medical Care (FMC) – 1-800-626-1297

The Network may contact all facilities to assess their open and/or closed status during this storm. Should the Network office be inaccessible during this storm, please refer to the voice mail message or website for additional instructions.

Tools and Resources

Heartland Kidney Network's Emergency Information for Patients
3-Day Diet (Diabetic and Non-Diabetic) and Emergency & Disaster Planning
http://heartlandkidney.org/community/pat_brochures.html

Link to Kidney Coalition for Emergency Response
<http://www.kcercoalition.com/>

Heartland Kidney Network – 1-816-880-9990 or check the website at www.heartlandkidney.org

For technical assistance with future disaster planning, contact the Network office at 816-880-9990. Thank you for your ongoing attention to the safety of your patients.