



Southern California  
Renal Disease Council  
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ESRD NETWORK 18 ESRD

## Emergency Preparedness & Response Network 18 Role and Responsibilities

In preparation for an emergency ESRD Network 18 will:

- Encourage dialysis facilities to plan for emergency situations
- Provide technical assistance in the development of emergency plans
- Provide educational materials to the patient and provider community on topics related to emergency/disaster preparedness
- Develop an internal Network Plan for preparedness and response, including arrangements with back-up Networks if local operations are impaired

During an emergency response, and per HIPAA and CMS policy, ESRD Network 18 will:

- Disseminate central contact numbers for dialysis providers in the affected area, to assist patients and providers in coordinating the provision of dialysis services
- Reflect nature of disaster on the ESRD Network 18 website at [www.esrdnetwork18.org](http://www.esrdnetwork18.org) and list the closed facilities in the area
- Post information regarding open and closed status of facilities on the [www.dialysisunits.com](http://www.dialysisunits.com) website
- Assist patients in contacting dialysis providers to arrange treatment
- Assist Family members in locating displaced patients
- Assist treating facilities to obtain necessary information to care for patients
- Work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or its contractor to maintain a database tracking system for patient whereabouts (dialysis centers and/or shelter locations)
- Host conference calls with CMS, Kidney Community Response Coalition (KCER), providers, vendors, and other entities to coordinate care for the patients
- Implement arrangements with a back-up Network if the operations of Network 18's office are compromised

### **Mission Statement**

*To provide leadership and assistance to renal dialysis and transplant facilities in a manner that supports continuous improvement in patient care, outcomes, safety and satisfaction.*

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